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Fayette eyes new machines

Voting machines under consideration by the Fayette County commissioners look like fax machines, act as digital scanners and provide a paper trail. **3A**

8 named to Hall of Fame

Donna DeMarino Sanft, executive associate athletic director at Pitt, heads the latest list of inductees into the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame. **1B**

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Democrats debate

Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton sparred, for the most part cordially, over immigration, health care and the war in Iraq in their first one-on-one debate on Thursday as they faced high-stakes Super Tuesday contests that could go a long way toward determining the party's presidential nominee. **5A**

Political autopsy?

A deputy coroner testified Thursday that she was ordered to work a phone bank and sell fundraising tickets to benefit the political campaign of celebrity pathologist Cyril Wecht's son. Tiffani Hunt, like several others who worked as deputies under Wecht until he was indicted and resigned in January 2006, said doing personal errands for the pathologist was a daily routine. **3A**

SPORTS

Plaxico predicts

When Plaxico Burress opened his mouth this week, the former Steelers wide receiver not only guaranteed the Giants would beat the New England Patriots but predicted the final score. For those who weren't listening, that would be 23-17 - a final that would not only make a lot of New York fans happy but some Las Vegas bookmakers, too. **1B**

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Valley Food

Hungry? Check out Valley Food, which appears each Saturday in *The Valley Independent*.

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Tax cut debate sizzles

House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese slams Republican plan to cut property taxes for low- to middle-income seniors.

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HARRISBURG - Republican Rep. John Perzel's plan to eliminate property taxes for low- to middle-income seniors is an act of "political aggression," a Democratic rival charged Thursday.

"This was an attempt to gain political advantage," said House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene County.

All homeowners are slated to receive slots-funded property tax cuts under legislation approved in 2004. Perzel, however, wants to use that slots money to eliminate property taxes for seniors making $40,000 a year or less. His amendment, approved Tuesday by a 159-36 vote, gutted a Democratic tax-shifting bill.

The measure wasn't brought up for a final vote, DeWeese said, because he wanted lawmakers to return to their districts on Wednesday and take the pulse of their constituents on various tax plans. In remarks yesterday to the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, he claimed Republicans blocked broader property tax relief "because they don't want me to have any points on the board."

Perzel spokesman Marty O'Rourke said it is "unconscionable" that the House recessed without sending Perzel's bill to the Senate.

"This wasn't a chance to negotiate," DeWeese said. "This wasn't a chance to work something out."

O'Rourke countered.

"They can say whatever they want," he said. "This is bipartisan legislation to give senior citizens property tax elimination for the school portion of their taxes."

Whenever DeWeese slams the Perzel measure, he is criticizing his own Democratic members, said Stephen Miskin, a spokesman for House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Punxsutawney. He noted that 63 House Democrats joined 96 Republicans to support the amendment.

"It wasn't a partisan thing. It's mind boggling. (DeWeese) is the only one being political about it," Miskin said.

DeWeese told the newspaper association that he now believes the best approach might be to send a menu of different property tax relief bills to the Senate and leave the choice up to the Senate. The various bills would include Perzel's measure and his own bill to reduce property taxes across the board with a 0.5 percentage

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Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

At an informational session Thursday, Pennsylvania Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network coordinator Mike Snyder shared the benefits of a new Web-based program designed to help water and wastewater companies run more efficiently.

PaWARN seeking cooperation

New program aims to help water company representatives share resources, handle emergencies more efficiently and protect their systems from terrorist threats.

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BELLE VERNON - Officials from a new state program want local water company representatives to join an online networking program that will help them share resources, handle emergencies more efficiently and protect their systems from terrorist threats.

Pennsylvania Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, known as PaWARN, operate a Web site where water companies can learn about developments and safety tips for their industry and find help from neighboring companies.

PaWARN coordinator Mike Snyder, members of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Belle Vernon held an informational session on the program Thursday at the Belle Vernon Borough fire hall.

A crowd of about 25 elected officials, local emergency response members and police officers attended.

PaWARN, which began in January 2007, offers free membership and is designed to help water and wastewater companies find equipment quickly through an online inventory compiled after members sign mutual aid agreements.

The Web site allows water and wastewater officials to search an online inventory for equipment that may not be readily available when system breakdowns occur.

The mutual aid agreement also allows PaWARN to help coordinate how water and wastewater personnel handle line breaks and other disruptions.

"It gets all of the logistics out of the way, so when there is an emergency, you can just respond," Snyder said. "We're not going through the layers of bureaucracy to find the stuff. We're going through each other."

Snyder said PaWARN addresses the need for police to frequently patrol water system infrastructures and be on the lookout for someone trying to contaminate the water supply.

He said water supplies have become a potential terrorist target since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

PaWARN also gives tips on how to better monitor systems.

"We keep them posted on all kinds of industry alerts, like suspicious activity," Snyder said. "If somebody has a break-in somewhere in the state, we'll post it on

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Beltway proposal advances

The Federal Highway Administration will be asked to approve the proposed roadway next month.

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The Federal Highway Administration will be asked in early March to approve the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's plan to build a key section of the Southwestern Beltway.

But that plan might have been derailed if the Southwestern Planning Commission board of directors had not voted earlier this week to place the beltway section connecting Interstate 79 to Route 22 on its transportation improvement plan.

By federal law, a metropolitan planning organization – such as SPC – must agree to include a highway construction project on a transportation improvement plan for it to be eligible for federal funding.

The vote is a necessary step for the turnpike commission to ultimately seek a federal record of decision permitting construction of the highway.

It also permits the turnpike commission to use state or federal funding toward construction of the estimated at $659 million project.

In a letter to the SPC, the turnpike commission's chief engineer, Frank Kempf, outlined the proposed funding plan for the beltway section.

The turnpike commission has dedicated $76 million to date with $5 million additional in federal earmarks.

The bulk of the $578 million would come from bonds totaling between $45 million and $50 million a year over 230 years.

In order for the project to be included on the SPC's improvement plan, the beltway had to meet two criteria – a reasonable funding mechanism needs to be in place and it cannot conttradict any other part of the SPC plan.

The proposed Southern Beltway runs from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport to the Mon/Fayette

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Gambling regulators criticized by troopers

Gaming Control Board's handling of a casino license for a resort owner accused of lying about his ties to mob figures is termed a "national embarrassment."

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HARRISBURG -- The president of the state troopers association said Thursday the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's handling of a casino license for a resort owner accused of lying about his ties to mob figures is a "national embarrassment."

Louis DeNaples, owner of the Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos, was charged with four counts of perjury Wednesday by the Dauphin County District Attorney's office for allegedly lying to the gambling board about his relationship with mobsters. A DeNaples spokesman said he will be found innocent.

"The fiasco surrounding the DeNaples license is a national embarrassment for Pennsylvania," Bruce Edwards, a state police sergeant serving as head of the 4,300-member Pennsylvania State Troopers Association, said in a letter to newspapers including the Tribune-Review.

The board shouldn't have approved DeNaples' license in December 2006 if its investigators had doubts about DeNaples' veracity, Edwards said.

Meanwhile, The Associated Press reported DeNaples began making preparations to transfer ownership of Mount Airy Casino Resort to his children and grandchildren in November.

At a time when he was the focus of a grand jury probe into his alleged ties to organized crime, DeNaples sought regulatory approval to sell a 98 percent ownership stake in the $412 million casino to trusts controlled by his seven children.

"The timing is, honestly, coincidental," said Kevin Feeley, a DeNapies spokesman. "It was about succession and the fact that he is 67 years old. Good planning requires that you think about these things."

The gambling board, which suspended DeNaples' license Wednesday, did not take action to approve the ownership change.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Icy conditions cause local school delays

Icy conditions this morning apparently did not pose many problems for motorists in the Mid-Mon Valley.

Some roads were glazed with ice and slush, but no vehicle accidents were reported.

Allegheny Power reported no power outages in the Mid-Mon Valley.

A number of local school districts, however, opened two hours late after the freezing storm covered roads, cars and sidewalks with a slick sheet of ice.

Some schools in more rural areas of western Pennsylvania remained closed today.

Today's delay was the second this week due to adverse weather conditions.

More than 80 western Pennsylvania school districts were delayed Wednesday due to 60 mph winds that knocked down trees, blew debris onto roads and left thousands without power.

The freezing rain caused havoc on the highways elsewhere in Pennsylvania

Scores of accidents were reported north and west of Philadelphia this morning, and the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was ice coated.

Yesteryear

This photo was taken during the 80th anniversary celebration of the former St. Leonard Church in Monessen in the 1980s. In front, from left, are Cindy Chelen, Henry Furio, who submitted the photo; and Mary Chelen. Standing are Lou Falbo, the Rev. Henry Deneccio and Rinard Woods.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Tax plan (FROM PAGE ONE)

point boost in the state's 6 percent sales tax.

But to do so, DeWeese said, he would need an agreement with the Republicans not to his amend his bill and a promise from Democrats not to change Perzel's.

"I'm not sure I agree we should be sending the Senate a menu," Smith said.

O'Rourke said Perzel will be pushing hard next week for final passage of his plan for seniors.

Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, said of Perzel's measure, "I haven't read the bill in detail and looked at the fiscal impact, but the general thrust, the general intent of the bill is sound."

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Beltway (FROM PAGE ONE)

Expressway, near Finleyville. It was divided into three construction sections by the commission:

- The Airport to Route 22 was opened in October 2006.
- The I-79 to Route 22 section is about to enter final design.
- The I-79 to the expressway is in preliminary design. The draft environmental impact statement for this section is currently available for public comment through Feb. 8.

Washington County Commissioner J. Bracken Burns, who had served as chairman of the SPC through the end of 2007, spoke at Monday's session.

He said the SPC vote was important not only for the region, but for the Mon Valley and the expressway.

There was a movement to postpone or defeat the vote Monday.

Burns spoke adamantly against the group of about 15 people, aiming to clarify misinformation that was fueling that opposition.

One such issue was whether money earmarked for this project might be used for road and bridge projects elsewhere throughout the region if the beltway initiative was defeated.

If any section of the beltway were not constructed, the funds set aside for that project would be spent elsewhere on the mainline of the system or not bonded. Turnpike funds would not be used for PennDOT projects, Burns noted.

Burns also dismissed as "disingenuous" the opponents' argument that building a more efficient highway system would add to congestion or pollution.

Burns also told the board it was the beltway's "turn." He noted that the commission agreed previously to take money allocated for highways to bail out mass transit, mostly the Port Authority Transit.

Burns said the beltway is a regional transportation need.

"We're the only metropolitan area that does not have a beltway around it," Burns said. "But we're blessed with such a topography that we probably need one more than most other areas. Now, everything is funneled through the tunnels."

PaWARN (FROM PAGE ONE)

there."

Snyder said the Hurricane Katrina disaster showed how vital water service is and how quickly backup resources can be depleted in the event of a severe emergency.

"After Katrina, they asked the people down there, 'When did you feel like recovery started for you people?' They said, 'When they turned the water back on,'" he said.

PaWARN complies with National Incident Management System requirements implemented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"NIMS now considers water and wastewater personnel as first responders," Snyder said. "They figure, in certain situations, we are going to be on the front lines."

Snyder said PaWARN would eventually involve WARN programs from other states, so companies can expand their equipment searches.

PaWARN promotes enhanced communication among fire departments, police and water companies to help resolve emergencies.

Snyder said it is beneficial that some community services already have local mutual aid agreements and that county emergency agencies have coordinated emergency response efforts.

He said PaWARN wants to create a stronger network by uniting all water companies in the state.

"It's actually to supplement what the county does. That's how we hope it is perceived," he said.

Snyder said having water companies under one umbrella would provide a stronger voice when issues are addressed with state agencies.

PMMA president and Belle Vernon municipal authority vice president Dennis Wince helped organize Thursday's meeting.

The Belle Vernon authority joined PaWARN late last year.

Wince said the program is a step toward a more efficient way for authorities to protect their customers.

"I think it's a valid program," he said. "I think that all these communities need to work together and share resources."

Municipal Authority of Washington Township plant manager Joe Alvarez attended Thursday's session.

He said he would recommend PaWARN to his municipal board.

Alvarez said the township's authority has local mutual aid agreements but that PaWARN would further enhance his workforce's capability.

"I think it's a good idea," he said.

PaWARN is being funded by the state Department of Environmental Protection through next year.

Water companies that have joined serve 5 million customers statewide.

Snyder said the goal is to make PaWARN an independent entity supported by various environmental and public utility agencies.

For more information on PaWARN, go online to www.pawarn.org.

DeNaples (FROM PAGE ONE)

The property can't be sold or transferred while the license is suspended, said Anne Neeb, the board's executive director.

DeNaples can't be on the premises under the board's order.

District Attorney Edward Marsico and State Police Commissioner Col. Jeffrey Miller said gambling board investigators had doubts about DeNaples' statements when he was an applicant for a license.

Gambling investigators "believed that DeNaples was lying about his background," Marsico said in a written statement Wednesday. "They simply could not prove those lies by competent evidence with the information to which they had access."

Edwards said if investigators believed DeNaples was lying, the board shouldn't have approved his license on Dec. 20, 2006, along with 10 other licenses. The troopers association has a lawsuit pending in Commonwealth Court contending that state police should handle all background checks of casino applicants. The board largely relies on its own investigators.

Edwards believes the DeNaples situation would have been avoided if state troopers handled the interviews.

Richard McGarvey, a gambling board spokesman, said that what board investigators "had and knew about was a lot of rumors and innuendo. You can't base a license decision on that."

Under the 2004 law authorizing casino gambling, the board wasn't required to approve the licenses until November 2007, according to Christopher Craig, a lawyer for Sen. Vincent Fumo, D-Philadelphia, architect of the slot machine law. Even then, there would have been no penalty, he said.

The Dec. 20, 2006, date was "arbitrary," Edwards said.

Board officials have previously maintained they were hurrying to get the job done because casino revenue was needed to provide property tax relief.

"There's no question I drove them to get it done, but not to the point that people became negligent," former chairman Tad Decker, now a Philadelphia lawyer, told the Trib in October.

Craig criticized Edwards' statement, saying, "It's really telling to me that the (police) union is using an indictment less than 24 hours old for an issue in which they can gain financial benefits."

If the state police association wins the right to do all board investigations, they "would need a larger budget and more troopers," Craig said.

State officials sought to reassure the public that there will be no difference in the day-to-day operations of the casino while the criminal charges against DeNaples are pending.

"So far today, it's the best Thursday we've ever had," Feeley said.

"It is clear that yesterday's news is really yesterday's news," he added. "We're open for business, and we'll be open tomorrow and the next day and beyond."

He didn't know when DeNaples would turn himself in to authorities.

"Louis DeNaples tells the truth, and anyone who knows Louis DeNaples knows he tells the truth," Feeley said. "He will be found innocent."

Valley briefs

Onorato reports hefty war chest

Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato's political committee filed its annual, year-end financial report Thursday, showing a balance of $2.27 million.

Onorato, who ran unopposed for re-election in November, raised more than $1.3 million last year.

While Onorato hasn't made any public statements about his plans for the future, many political observers expect him to launch a campaign to succeed Gov. Ed Rendell, who cannot legally seek another term.

Ex-VA worker accused of fraud

A former surgical technician at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Pittsburgh is accused of forging prescriptions for pain medicine for his own use.

State prosecutors say 45-year-old James Henry Becker, of Canonsburg, stole blank prescription pads from the VA hospital to create fraudulent prescriptions for Vicodin, Lortab and other pain medicine.

Prosecutors say those prescriptions were presented at 10 pharmacies in Allegheny and Washington counties between June 2006 and March 2007. Prosecutors say payment claims for the prescriptions were processed by Becker's insurer, UPMC Health Plan.

Becker was arraigned on Thursday on 10 counts each of insurance fraud and violating the controlled substance act, and one count of forgery.

He was lodged in the Washington County jail when he was unbale to post $25,000 bail.

Sewer authority official fined

A Westmoreland County sewer authority official overbilled his expenses, sought reimbursement for his wife's expenses and billed for events he did not attend, the State Ethics Commission has found.

Robert Eathorne pocketed more than $21,000 in improper reimbursements, the commission determined earlier this week, and ordered the former treasurer of the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority to repay $64,475.

In seeking triple the amount the commission said Eathorne took, investigators are signaling that "they find the violation was egregious," Robert Caruso, deputy executive director of the commission, said.

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With a hand on an eScan voting machine, account executive Adrian Gonzales of Hart InterCivic explains features of the company's device to politicians and county officials Thursday at the Fayette County Public Safety building in Uniontown.

Fayette commissioners consider new electronic voting machines

They may buy new machines to replace units purchased two years ago for $1.22M.

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An electronic voting machine under consideration by Fayette County commissioners looks like a fax machine, acts as a digital scanner and provides a paper trail by collecting the ballots fed into the tray.

Democratic Commissioners Vince Zapotosky and Vince Vicites invited reporters Thursday afternoon to a demonstration of the eScan machine, made by Texas-based Hart InterCivic, the company that supplied the county with 268 eSlate voting systems.

The county spent $1.22 million two years ago to replace its 30-year-old lever-voting system with eSlate machines.

With those machines, voters use a dial to rotate through the choices in each race before pressing a button to select a candidate.

Most of the funding was covered by the federal government through the Help America Vote Act of 2002, intended to fix voting irregularities claimed during the presidential election in November 2000.

Commissioners are considering whether to purchase 113 eScan machines, which could allay some senior citizens' dislike of eSlate machines, address long waits at the largest of the county's 103 precincts and offer a verified paper trail.

A special meeting tentatively is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday.

An eScan machine is on display at the Fayette County Public Safety building at 22 E. Main St., Uniontown.

With the eScan, voters mark their choices on a paper ballot and feed the ballot into the machine, which stores the results on a flash card.

If a person under-votes or over-votes, the eScan spits out the ballot, giving the voter an opportunity to make changes to the ballot or to resubmit it.

Once accepted, the ballot goes into a locked compartment in the machine. If a power outage should occur, poll workers manually could insert the ballot.

"There will be no doubt as to how a voter wanted to vote because it will always be there," said Adrian Gonzales, an account executive for Hart InterCivic.

Commissioners have designated $170,000 of the $500,000 in the county's capital-reserve fund for more voting machines but might be able to budget the cost of new machines over several years.

At $4,500 per eScan, the county would have to spend $508,500 to place one at every precinct and have the mandated number of backup systems.

Privacy booths for each precinct are not included in the estimated cost.

"We do have money available this year and at least some price coverage," Vicites said. "But we're going to have to work out the details of that."

Although the eScan might satisfy voters who don't like eSlate, Vicites said, the county's purchase of the eSlate machines met federal requirements for accommodating blind and physically disabled voters.

Testimony focuses on campaign work during Wecht trial

Two of former coroner's employees testify they were ordered to help son's judicial campaign.

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A former Allegheny County deputy coroner testified Thursday that she was dispatched to sell fundraising tickets for Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's son, now a judge, while on county time.

Tiffani Hunt told jurors during the fourth day of Wecht's federal public corruption trial that she was ordered to use a county van to sell campaign tickets for David Wecht, now an Allegheny County judge.

Hunt said she volunteered to do campaign work for then-Coroner Cyril Wecht in 1999, when she was hired, but never for his son.

"For David Wecht, I was told," Hunt testified, regarding the van.

A former employee, Nicolette Romaniello Lupinacci, testified that she and Hunt spent several hours at One Oxford Centre in Pittsburgh, making phone calls to law firms seeking contributions to David Wecht's campaign.

She said the two-plus hours that she and Hunt spent making the calls were not voluntary and were conducted on county time.

Neither Hunt nor Lupinacci stated when the events occurred.

David Wecht has run for register of wills, as well as for posts on the state Superior and Common Pleas courts.

A witness testified earlier this week that he was sent on a "Wecht Detail" - which personal Wecht errands were dubbed - to deliver hot dogs to the former Three Rivers Stadium for another David Wecht campaign event.

David Wecht declined to comment.

Former deputy Jessica Pikutis testified yesterday that she was dispatched to buy tennis balls and to fetch Wecht, his wife and their grandchildren following a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" at Benedum Center for the Performing Arts. Pikutis said she quit in 2001 because of the errands.

"I felt I had a lot more to offer than being a courier service, a chauffeur," Pikutis testified.

Lupinacci, a former office secretary and union steward, said she filed a grievance with the union for a female employee who quit soon after Wecht chastised her during a meeting. Lupinacci said the woman complained that running personal errands for the renowned forensic pathologist made it difficult to complete her job for the county.

Hunt now works for the medical examiner's office as an autopsy technician. She said she changed jobs in 2003, largely to avoid having to perform "Wecht Details."

When Joseph Dominick became chief deputy coroner in 1999, she said, office morale changed.

"I don't know, a medieval type of management began where you were punished, and things would go on that were mostly unfair under his direction," Hunt testified.

"'Wecht Details' became a problem under Joe Dominick because they were obsessive. It was endless and all day."

Dominick, who appeared before the grand jury that ultimately indicted Wecht on fraud and theft charges, could not be reached for comment.

Patricia Kurzawski, chief autopsy technician with the medical examiner's office, testified that neuropathologist Dr. Bennett Omalu dissected brains at the morgue for Wecht's private clients.

Kurzawski said she demanded to be paid once, when she had to work on a private Wecht case during her lunch break.

She said a state trooper brought in the body of a Fayette County homicide victim and needed X-rays to find the bullet.

"I was just really angry that day because we were so busy," she said.

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Verona Chernay
Daisytown

Verona Danyi Chernay, 84, of Daisytown, died Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 1:20 p.m. in the Humbert Lane Health Care Center, Washington. She was born December 13, 1923, in Walkertown, a daughter of the late Stephen and Julia Settie Danyi. Mrs. Chernay was a member of the former Assumption Roman Catholic Church, Daisytown, where she was a long-time member of the Rosary Society. She is a current member of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Richeyville. Most important in her life was her family and extended family. On October 9, 1943, she married John Chernay, who died April 13, 2006. They enjoyed 62 years of marriage. Surviving are four daughters, Rose Chernay, of Canonsburg, Barbara Kerch, of Holbrook, Ruth Hockley, of Carlisle, and Deanna Martik, of Coal Center; three sons, John A. Chernay, of Langhorne, Dennis Chernay, of Belle Vernon, and Gary Chernay, of Coal Center; two brothers, Alex Danyi, of Belle Vernon, and John Danyi, of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Julia Zanella, of Avonmore; 22 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased, in addition to her husband and parents, is a brother and sister who died in childhood; six other sisters, Priscilla Majoros, Anna Macalak, Mary Moore, Emma Shaffer, Helen Danyi and Elizabeth Vargo; and one other brother, Steve Danyi. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JOHN B. GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 2830 Main St., Beallsville, where a prayer service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 2, 2008, followed at 11 a.m. by a Mass of Christian Burial in the St. Agnes R.C. Church, Richeyville, with the Rev. John Forbidussi as celebrant. Interment will be in the Beallsville Cemetery. On-line guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Perhaps
you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral spray
if so, I saw it there.
Perhaps you sent a gift of food or gave the use of your car,
perhaps it was a call you made from nearby or afar.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word as any friend could say,
perhaps you were not there at all or just thought of me that day. Whatever you did to console my heart, I thank you so much, whatever the part.
A special thanks to
Father Yakasick,
Father Joe Oppong,
Arthur Fronzaglio (Organist),
St. Dominics Ladies Rosary &
The Bereavement Committee,
each and every pallbearer,
those who sent floral tributes and masses, Massafra Funeral Home, Donora American Legion Post 212, American Legion Club of Charleroi,
friends, relatives, neighbors and all those who helped in any way to lessen my sorrow in my bereavement after the death of my beloved brother,

Charles Gregory Kovacik (Montana)

Sister, Julie

Chester A. Duda Sr.
Rostraver Township

Chester A. Duda Sr., 96, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Wednesday, January 30, 2008, in Allegheny General Hospital as a result of injuries from a fall in his home on January 17, 2008. Born in LaSalle, Ill., on November 21, 1911, he was the son of the late John Duda Sr. and Julia (Widuch) Duda. Mr. Duda graduated from Carnegie Mellon University, where he was a member of the Beta Kappa Nu Honors Fraternity. He was a retired Maintenance Foreman from US Steel, Donora Site and from Hays Army Ammunition Plant in Pittsburgh. He was a founding member of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township and was a member of the Rostraver Township Lions Club and Rostraver Food Bank. He was a past volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Boy Scouts. Mr. Duda also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army during World War II in the South Pacific Theater and ended his Military Career as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret (Marconyak) Duda; four sons, John F. Duda Sr. and wife, Linda, of Coal Center, Chester A. Duda Jr. of Rostraver Township, Joseph J. Duda, of Mount Morris, and Michael J. Duda, of Rostraver Township; three daughters, Julie (Duda) Malena and husband, Bob, of Rostraver Township, Margaret (Duda) Scharback and husband, Rob, of Shoreham, N.Y., and Catherine A. (Duda) Karimi and husband, Borhanullah, of Lorton, Va.; 11 grandchildren, Charlotte Duda, Major John F. Duda Jr. U.S.A.F., Rachel (Duda) Abel, Matthew Duda, J.R. Malena, Rebecca Malena, Scott Butler, Hanna Karimi, Aishah Karimi, Sultan Karimi and Eman Karimi; two great-grandchildren, Cecelia and Sophia Duda; two brothers, Alex Duda, of Rostraver Township, and Edwin Duda, of Miami, Fla.; and sister, Genevieve (Duda) Tomasik, of Donora. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, John Duda Jr., Stephen Duda and Thaddeus Duda; and a sister, Florence (Duda) Fernandez. Friends will be received on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 4, until 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Township, with his pastor, the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli, presiding. Interment, with Full Military Honors, conducted by the VFW Post No. 7023, Perryopolis, will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Rostraver Food Bank, the Rostraver Lions Club, or the Rostraver Library. The Rostraver Township Lions Club will hold a service on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

In Memory of
Stanley L. Kroskie
2/1/1939 – 6/16/2007

You are missed more than you could ever know.
You were more than a husband, dad and pappy, you were a best friend.
You were always there for us.
We will love you forever and always.
Your wife, children and grandchildren who think of you everyday.

Elizabeth Krempasky
Donora

Elizabeth "Betty" Krempasky, 89, of Donora, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, in Hallsworth House, Monessen. She was born in Donora on June 5, 1918, a daughter of the late George and Anna Sipos Milholic. Mrs. Krempasky was a member of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Donora. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Mary Bagay, Rose Pacak, Anna Stefus and Peggy Gucwa; and an infant brother. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Stephen J. Krempasky; a son, Kenneth Krempasky, of McKees Rocks; two grandsons, Adam and Steve Krempasky; two nieces, Audrey Pacak and Vera Kicinski; and three nephews, Bob Gucwa, Eddie Bagay and George Stefus. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where Panachida Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Liturgy at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Donora with the Rev. Stephen Wahal as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Donora. Parastas Services will be held in the funeral home on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frank J. Staropoli
Rostraver Township

Frank Joseph "Pete" Staropoli, 44, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Born in Clairton on July 9, 1963, beloved son of parents, Frank A. Staropoli and Sandra Oliver, of Rostraver Township, and Theresa (Staropoli) and Bill Campbell of Orlando, Florida. Pete was a member of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township and the Holy Name Society of the church. He was manager of Starr Auto Service, Inc., Starr Auto Wrecking & Auto Parts in Rostraver Township for 30 years. He was active in the Rostraver Midget Football League, coached T-ball and Girl's Softball. He enjoyed hunting, silhouette pistol shooting and was an avid trap shooter. He was a member of the NRA, and several sportsmen associated gun clubs. He was a Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed NHRA Drag Racing. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his dearly loved family: children, son Anthony Michael Staropoli, and daughter Nicolette Angela Staropoli; wife Marcella "Marcy" (Kobetich) Staropoli; twin sisters Natalie Staropoli, of Georgia, and Nannette Staropoli, of Pittsburgh; step-sister Lori Oliver, of Ohio; brothers-in-law Michael and Roxana Kobetich, Carl and Judy Kobetich; aunts and uncles, Rosemary and Gene Connor, of Colorado, Paulette and Gerald Rote, of New Jersey, and Susan Jeney, of Belle Vernon, and the late Martin A. "Marty" Jeney; nieces and nephew, Fallon Staropoli, Candace and Christin Kobetich and Jason Kobetich. Friends will be received on Friday, February 1, 2008, from 2 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Church of St. Anne with his pastor, the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli, presiding. Immediately following, family and friends will be received at the Church of St. Anne social hall.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

In Memory Of
Timothy Kershaw

In loving memory of our beloved friend, Timothy Kershaw, who passed away 8 years ago today, February 1, 2000.

A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one else can ever fill. So many things have happened since you were called that day, so many things to share with you, had you been left to stay. We cannot bring the old days back, your hands we cannot touch, but we will always have fond memories of the one we loved so much.

Sadly missed, loving u ever lasting.
Luann Keller, James, Jamie & Justin Key.

Helen Malyuk
Kent, Ohio
Formerly of Finleyville

Helen Skokut Malyuk, 95, of Kent, Ohio, formerly of Finleyville, went home to Heaven on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008. She was an active member of the Saint Nicholas Greek Catholic Church in Monongahela, where she was a member of the Woman's Guild, choir and served as a church auditor and past treasurer of the Altar Society. She also was a member of the Finleyville AARP, Chapter 4302 and a volunteer member of the Mingo Watch Tower during World War II while her husband was serving with the U.S. Army in Germany. In addition to her parents, Michael and Justina Regula Skokut, she was preceded in death by her husband, Michael, in 1990; three sisters, Emma, Esther and Alice; and one brother, William. Survivors include two sons, Robert (Ruth) and Michael (Susan); three granddaughters, Amy, Lisa and Heather Malyuk; one sister, Peggy; one brother, George; and many nieces and nephews. Father Edward Pehanich will conduct services on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where friends may call from 10 to 11:30 a.m., the time of service. Burial will be in Monongahela Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by the REDMON FUNERAL HOME, 3633 Darrow Road, Stow, Ohio 44224 (330-688-6631).

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary A. Schoka
Monessen

Mary Amy Duche Schoka, 91, of Monessen, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, in Mon Valley Care Center. Born in Brownsville on Oct. 24, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Dominic and Rose Turturice. Mrs. Schoka was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, Monessen. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by both her husbands, Joseph Duche and John Schoka; a son, Dominic Duche; three brothers, Tony James and Joseph Turturice; and two sisters, Jenny Quasnella and Ann Petrucci. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Ellen and Robert Vercamen, of North Charleroi, and Mary Ann and Dennis Kostolansky, of Charleroi; one son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Janet Duche, of North Charleroi; nine grandchildren, Robert Jr. and Susie Vercamen, of Monongahela, David and Tina Duche and Michael and Sandy Duche, all of Warren, Mich., Ronda and Tom Cercella, of Speers, Joseph and Kim Duche, of Charleroi, Renee Hurley, of Speers, Jenifer and Chris Jones, of Monongahela, Jon Duche, of Johnstown, and Dominic Duche, of Warren, Mich.; and 12 great-grandchildren. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700). A blessing service will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Julia E. Suchy
Formerly of Monessen

Julia E. Suchy, 79, formerly of Monessen, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, in Excela Health-Westmoreland Regional Hospital, Greensburg. Born in Tidioute on May 28, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Casklas Suchy. She was Catholic by faith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Albert and James Suchy; and three sisters, Mary Mitchell, Anne Virsack and Helen Razzano. Survivors include four nieces, Ruth Shaw, of Pittsburgh, Jan Virsack, of Stewartstown, Judi Winslow, of Beaufort, S.C., and Darla Kalvesmaki, of Monessen; and four nephews, Jim Suchy, of Monessen, Donald Suchy, of Haymarket, Va., Richard Suchy, of Port Orange, Fla., and Kenny Razzano, of Indiana. Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Saturday, Feb. 2, at noon in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, followed by interment in Holy Name Cemetery. The ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700), has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Albert S. Tegi
Monongahela

Albert S. Tegi, 84, of Monongahela, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2008, in Canonsburg General Hospital, Canonsburg. Mr. Tegi was born in Donora on August 31, 1923, the son of the late Michael and Mary (Polgar) Tegi. He retired from U.S. Steel, Clairton Works after 39 years of service. Mr. Tegi was a member of Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church of Charleroi and was a church officer for many years at the former St. Macrina Church of Monongahela. He also belonged to the Dunkirk American Legion Post 949. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a corporal with the U.S. Army. His tour of duty included the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Liberation of the Philippines, New Guinea, New Britain and Bismarck. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Mae Tegi, on January 31, 1998; a daughter, Judy; a son, Robert; two sisters, Grace Petroskie and Mary Campbell; and five brothers, Mike, Elmer, John, Julius and Joseph. Survivors include two sons, Ronn Tegi and wife, Susan, of Monongahela, and Darrel Tegi and wife, Donna, of Baldwin; a daughter, Diane Post and husband, Terry, of Monongahela; two grandchildren, Allen Tegi, of Pittsburgh, and Kristie Tegi, of Baldwin; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Sunday, February 3, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second Street Extension, Donora (724-379-6900), where Panachida services will be held on Monday, February 4, at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church; Charleroi, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Fr. James Ragan officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery, Monongahela. A Parastas service will be held on Sunday, February 3, at 3 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Madeline Zdravecky
Roscoe

Madeline "Midge" Muzina Zdravecky, 58, of Roscoe, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, after a year-long illness. She was born Aug. 1, 1949, in North Charleroi, a daughter of the late Charles and Madeline Guffrey Muzina. She was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Roscoe and a 1967 graduate of California High School. Mrs. Zdravecky was a former employee of Toy City and IPSCO in Roscoe and Wal-Mart in Belle Vernon. Midge was an avid bingo player and enjoyed spending time and buying gifts for her husband and grandchildren. She also enjoyed her computer and her e-mail friends. Survivors include her husband, Ralph; three children, Marty Shemansky and wife, Sharon, Jody Lynn Shemansky, and Maria Wadsworth and husband, John, all of Roscoe; three grandchildren, MiKayla Madeline Shemansky, Maddilynn Marie Caldwell, and Miranda Nicole Wadsworth, and a fourth grandchild expected in February; one sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Butch Gray, of North Charleroi; her mother-in-law, Gertrude Zdravecky, of Monessen; and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Maria Muzina Zahand and Charlene Muzina Hartley; and aunts and uncles. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe (724-938-9323), where a funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. George Moneck of St. Joseph R.C. Church officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Coal Center. For those unable to attend, on-line condolences will be accepted at www.melenyzerfuneralhomes.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Amelia Clement
Donora

Amelia Clement, 96, of Donora, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at her daughter's home in Penn Hills. Mrs. Clement was born in Donora on Nov. 16, 1911, a daughter of the late Antonio and Maria Amolini Bettinelli. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora. Mrs. Clement was a seamstress at Donora Sportswear for many years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Clement; a daughter, Lisa Marie Turcol; and three brothers, Anthony, Christopher and William Bettinelli. Survivors include her daughter, Eileen Turcol and husband, Donald, of Penn Hills; one grandson, Jeffery D. Turcol and wife, Coleen, of Kentucky; two great-grandsons, Jason F. and Adam J. Turcol; two sisters, Agnes Sasselli and Irma Biagini, both of Donora; and many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at which time prayers will be recited. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 1

Today is Friday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2008. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

Five years ago, on Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: Commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; Michael Anderson; Kalpana Chawla; David Brown; Laurel Clark; and Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date:

■ In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

■ In 1908, movie producer and animator George Pal was born in Austria-Hungary.

■ In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

■ In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

■ In 1958, the United Arab Republic, a union of Egypt and Syria, was established. (The union ended in 1961.)

■ In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they had been refused service.

■ In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured by Associated Press photographer Eddie Adams and NBC News.

■ In 1968, Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

■ In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

■ In 1991, 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

■ **Ten years ago**: In a round of Sunday talk show appearances, Monica Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, predicted that the controversy over whether the former White House intern had had an affair with President Bill Clinton would "go away" and that the president would survive unscathed.

■ **Five years ago**: At least 50 people were killed in a Zimbabwe train collision. Former Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng died in Modesto, Calif., at age 84.

■ **One year ago**: The departing top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that improving security in Baghdad would take fewer than half as many extra troops as President Bush had chosen to commit.

Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopefuls Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., right, and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., stand together before the start of a Democratic presidential debate Thursday in Los Angeles.

Clinton and Obama mix civility, barbs in debate

It was the Democratic hopefuls' final debate before Super Tuesday.

By TOM RAUM and NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writers

LOS ANGELES — Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton sparred, for the most part cordially, over immigration, health care and the war in Iraq in their first one-on-one debate on Thursday as they faced high-stakes Super Tuesday contests that could go a long way toward determining the party's presidential nominee.

Clinton emphasized that the nation needed a president ready to go to work on "Day One." Obama responded: "Part of the argument that I'm making in this campaign is that it is important to be right on Day One."

Five days before Super Tuesday, the two alternated between civility and pointed swipes, underscoring the importance of the upcoming contests. The debate came as Obama's campaign reported raising a staggering $32 million in January, cash aplenty to advertise all through the nearly two dozen upcoming races from coast to coast — and contests beyond.

Clinton's campaign reported raising $26.8 million from October through December, the most recent period she reported.

Clinton defended the increasingly high-profile role of her husband, former President Clinton, in her campaign and his recent sharp criticism of Obama. "At the end of the day, it's my name that is on the ballot."

Both were asked about the possibility of a "dream ticket" of Clinton-Obama — or Obama-Clinton.

"Obviously there's a big difference between those two," Obama said. "I respect Senator Clinton, I think her service to this country is extraordinary." But he said, "We've got a lot more road to travel" before such a decision.

Clinton agreed it was too early to discuss running mates.

Both predicted that one of them would be the next president in a history-making inaugural. Obama would be the first black president, Clinton the first female president.

Clinton said the Republicans are "more of the same" and, gesturing toward Obama, she said, "We will change our country."

Making amends for his apparent snub of her at Monday's State of the Union Address, Obama assisted Clinton by pulling back her chair as the debate — televised on CNN — began and ended. They then embraced.

But it wasn't all sweetness and light.

One of their most pointed exchanges came on the question of whether illegal immigrants should be able to obtain driver's licenses. Obama supports doing so; Clinton initially supported it and now opposes it.

"Senator Clinton gave a number of different answers over the course of six weeks on this," Obama said, turning to Clinton. "Initially, you said you were for it, then you said you were against it." He said he was raising her wavering to underscore that it is "a difficult political issue."

Clinton called the controversy "a diversion" from efforts to come up with comprehensive immigration reform. "I co-sponsored immigration reform in 2004 before Barack came to the Senate," she said.

Obama argued for his candidacy, saying, "I respect Senator Clinton's record. I think it's a terrific record. But I also believe that the skills that I have are the ones that are needed right now to move the country forward, otherwise I wouldn't be running for president."

McCain steamrolling ahead in race

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — John McCain appears to be steamrolling his way to the Republican nomination; Mitt Romney can't seem to catch a break.

Coming off a Florida triumph, the Arizona senator picked up former GOP rival Rudy Giuliani's endorsement and prepared to secure another high-value nod from California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger ahead of Tuesday's virtual national primary when that state and 20 others vote.

In a debate here Wednesday night, McCain also put Romney on the defensive over where the former Massachusetts governor stands on continued U.S. military involvement in Iraq. The spat highlighted McCain's strength — national security — and Romney's weakness.

"I have never, ever supported a specific timetable for exit from Iraq, and it's offensive to me that someone would suggest that I have," Romney said of McCain's charge last weekend in Florida that his rival favored a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq.

Romney said that the news media had found the allegation to be misleading and questioned why McCain never leveled it in any prior debate.

POLICE LOG

Monongahela

■ Gary W. Barbour II, 26, of 1739 East Carson St., Pittsburgh, was charged with receiving stolen property 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, police said. He also was charged with violating parole and was remanded to the Washington County Correctional Facility.

Carroll Township police also charged Barbour with theft after he allegedly took gold coins from a residence in the township.

State police, Uniontown

■ Leonard Moncheck, 58, of Uniontown, was charged with criminal mischief 5:50 p.m. Tuesday after he allegedly damaged the windshield wipers on a vehicle owned by Cindi Hiles, 54, of Daisytown, police said.

State police, Greensburg

■ William B. Sowa, 43, of West Newton, reported that during the hours of 5 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday, someone removed the inspection and emission stickers from his vehicle while it was parked at 296 Sutersville Road in Sewickley Township.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Dorthia Argirakis, 21, of Belle Vernon, was charged with criminal mischief 9:23 a.m. Wednesday as a result of an incident that took place at a residence along Kott Lane in Fitz Henry, police said.

California

■ Jay C Antila, 19, of Pittsburgh, was charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, 11:34 p.m. Oct 10, after officers responded to a noise complaint at Jefferson Apartments, police said.

Rostraver

■ Norris Daniels, 54, of Greenhill Road, Pricedale, was charged with harassment and disorderly conduct 10:50 p.m. Monday as a result of an incident that took place at Hampton Inn, police said.

■ Timothy Spiegel, 28, of 846 Lillian St., Pittsburgh, was charged with DUI and traffic violations 12:10 a.m. Thursday on Broad Avenue Extension as a result of a vehicle accident, police said.

■ John Gourn Jr., 33, of 100 Rose St., Webster, was charged with DUI 3 p.m. Nov. 15 on Route 906 in Webster as a result of a vehicle accident, police said.

■ Kylen G. Peart, 18, of 400 Center St., Belle Vernon, was charged with retail theft after allegedly taking $48 worth of merchandise at Wal-Mart 4:15 p.m. Sunday, police said.

■ Ronald Grebner III, 20, of 316 Conniston Ave., Pittsburgh, and Brandon Roberts, 24, of 46 Nutt Ave., Uniontown, were both charged with violating a township ordinance for soliciting without a permit 3 p.m. Monday on Vernon Drive, police said.

■ Jonathan Basista, 27, of 211 Green St., West Newton, was charged with criminal mischief and Jordan Michael Marish, 19, of 928 Louise Ave., Belle Vernon, was charged with disorderly conduct as a result of an incident that took place 6:45 p.m. Jan. 2 at Basista's home, police said.

Monessen

■ Robert Campbell, 42, 961 Graham Ave., Monessen, was arrested on warrants from Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso 9:20 a.m. Thursday on Scenery Boulevard, police said. Campbell was released after being arraigned before Dalfonso.

■ Denise Sanabria, 29, of 314 First St., Monessen, was arrested on warrants from Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso 12:20 a.m. Thursday at her residence, police said. Sanabria was released after being arraigned before Dalfonso.

■ Sherman Aldrich, 31, of Monessen, was charged with harassment and disorderly conduct after an incident 2:12 p.m. Thursday in the Rite Aid parking lot, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $200,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $200,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's game.

Lottery officials said 110 players matched four numbers and won $294 each; 3,601 players matched three numbers and won $9.50 each; and 38,794 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

DAY PICK 3:	7-0-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-0-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-2-0-0
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-4-7-7
TREASURE HUNT:	2-4-9-20-26
MIX & MATCH:	3-8-5-17-10
CASH 5:	8-11-26-31-39

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

DAY PICK 3:	3-3-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-4-3
DAY PICK 4:	0-6-5-8
NIGHT PICK 4:	1-2-9-4
ROLLING CASH 5:	7-17-26-29-32

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OUR OPINION

DeNaples mess began with Gaming Board

CAN THERE BE anything worse than Poconos casino operator Louis DeNaples being charged with perjury for allegedly lying about his relationship with organized crime figures?

Why, yes, there can be. Try the executive director of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board defending its licensing and vetting process.

The Dauphin County district attorney lodged the perjury charges Wednesday against DeNaples, 67, and his company, Mount Airy No. 1 LLC, following a grand jury presentment. DeNaples, who denies any wrongdoing, is accused of downplaying his associations with mobsters to gambling board regulators as they began the process of awarding slots licenses.

The board, of course, awarded DeNaples the license, which now has been temporarily suspended. But what a Swiss-cheese vetting process it was.

First, some background.

DeNaples is a convicted felon. He pleaded no contest to conspiracy in a scam to obtain a $525,000 federal reimbursement in the aftermath of cleanup efforts in Luzerne County associated with 1972's Tropical Storm Agnes. His fraud trial ended in a hung jury. A juror whose husband was bribed by a reputed mobster held out for acquittal.

But when it came time to vet DeNaples for his Poconos license, the gaming board, with a quite questionable assist from the Rendell administration, appears to have done its best "I see nothing!" impression of Sgt. Hans Schultz from the old "Hogan's Heroes" sitcom.

Character and integrity testimony was taken in secret. The board used internal investigators to conduct criminal background checks. The Rendell administration barred state police from conducting those checks. The gaming board's investigators were denied access to what information state police might have. And all with a predictable outcome that now makes each and every slots license suspect.

Yet gaming board boss Anne Neeb says the vetting process won't change. This is daftness incarnate.

More than a few things must happen here. For one, state police and the attorney general must be brought into the vetting process. But more important, a grand jury must be convened to determine if this dysfunctional vetting system was by design and, if so, who designed it and for what and whose gain.

ANOTHER VIEW

Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio, on the economic stimulus plan:

It is difficult to justify adding another $150 billion or so to the national debt in an effort to convince Americans and the rest of the world that the U.S. economy isn't going in the tank. ...

Because the alternative, doing nothing about the very real threat of a recession, simply isn't an option. ...

An economic stimulus package makes sense now because too many Americans — frightened by the economic signs they are seeing and pinched by stagnant wages and rising energy and food costs — are simply not in a mood to buy. The emergency package agreed to by the White House and bipartisan House leaders would provide tax rebate checks of up to $1,200 to 117 million families and give businesses $50 billion in incentives to invest in new plants and equipment.

That may not be a perfect plan, but it deserves quick action. The quicker the better, so checks can get in the mail and business owners can make investment plans.

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The usurious nation

Charley **REESE**

One of the major problems with the U.S. economy is too much debt, much of it bad debt, so therefore I don't know how making it easier for people to go into more debt is going to solve the problem.

Our central bank, which we call the Federal Reserve, is hugely overrated when it comes to controlling the American economy. The bank, which is owned by other banks, makes it easier or more difficult to go into debt by manipulating the interest rates banks have to pay.

To clarify our own thinking, we should always refer to debt rather than credit. A person with a good credit rating can more easily go into debt. When banks lend money to businesses, they are not "investing" in the businesses; they are saddling the businesses with new debt. When local governments issue bonds to finance new facilities, they are not "investing" in the community. They are saddling it with new debt. In fact, the form of capitalism practiced mainly in the U.S. is finance capitalism, which is to say that expansion is fueled by debt rather than by savings.

We are a usurious nation. Added to the cost of everything we buy, even if we pay cash, is interest. A crusty old banker with a martini red nose once said to me: "Son, there are only two kinds of people in this world: Those who pay interest and those who collect it." Unfortunately, he was correct.

Lending money at interest is the definition of usury, and it was once considered a sin by most major religions. In legalistic terms, the interest rate must be very high to be considered usury. Nevertheless, renting money is, like lawyering, an essentially nonproductive activity. Farmers produce food; manufacturers produce products; moneylenders produce debt and collect interest.

The current problem, which is causing so much nervousness on Wall Street, is a direct result of moneylenders saddling too many people with debt and then peddling the debt instruments as if they were "securities" to other people, who often, in turn, sold them to still others. That's how the "subprime crisis" has spread. The mortgages were sold and resold.

It's helpful to think in terms of two economies. There is the real economy based on farming, mining and manufacturing. There is the finance economy based on debt and other paper. It is that economy which is in trouble. The only way out of that trouble is to liquidate the debt, which means a lot of people holding all that paper are going to suffer pain.

The other economy is in trouble, too, but it has a different problem. Its problem is outsourcing, by which I mean greedy capitalists padlocking American facilities and hiring cheap labor in foreign countries to produce what Americans used to produce. It's also in trouble because of illegal immigration, which drives down the price of labor. It is hurt further by another immigration law that allows corporations to import engineers and other professionals at lower salaries.

If you get the notion that the U.S. government often works against the interests of the American people, you'd be exactly right. Why is that? Well, who controls the American government? Certainly not the people. Big money controls the American government. We can't get the government to balance the budget or stop the war in Iraq or write a fair tax code. There are more than 40,000 lobbyists in Washington, D.C. How many of them did you hire?

As for the paper economy, the moneylenders made the profits, so let them suffer the losses. The most pressing need is a crop of honest politicians who will take the trouble to educate themselves about economics. Since money is created and extinguished by banks, it is not a commodity, and therefore Congress should fix interest rates by law. Driving the moneylenders out of the temple is always a good idea.

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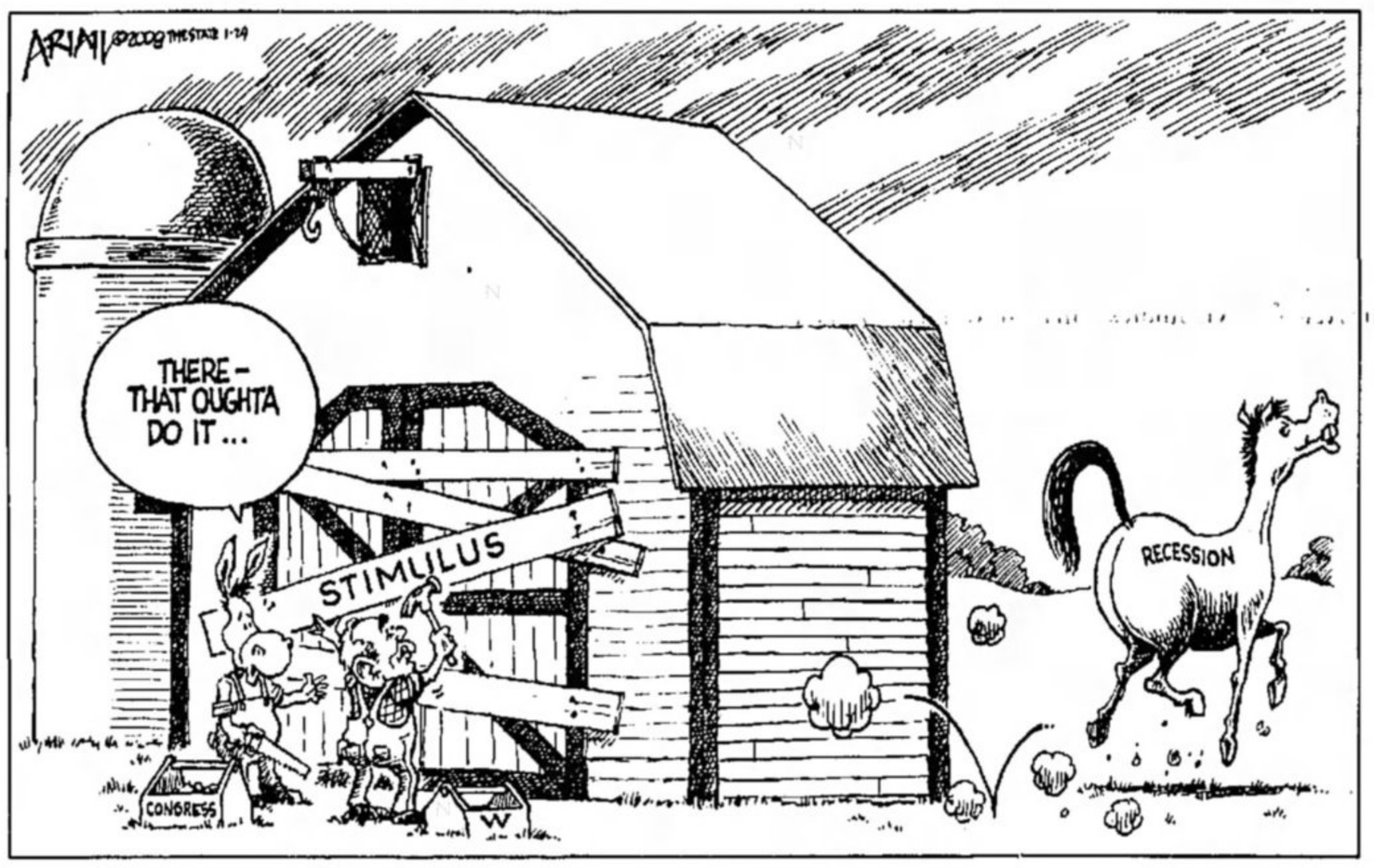

Confronting the Reagan 'myth'

William **RUSHER**

It's slowly dawning on the liberals that it's not going to be enough to ignore Ronald Reagan. Like it or not, they're going to have to take him on, head-first, and try to convince the American people, or at least the historians of his era, that he was a fundamentally bad guy.

I don't envy them the job. Reagan was an immensely popular president. Not long after his retirement I told him, in a private conversation, that I thought his historical popularity would follow the trajectory of most of his predecessors' — declining somewhat at first, then rising again till he assumed at last his proper place in the presidential pantheon.

I was wrong. Right from the start, after he left the White House, commentators on both the right and the left have recognized him as one of the major presidents of the 20th century, who shaped the country's policies and future in important ways. This is already, clearly, the judgment of history, and there is nothing the liberals can do about it.

They can, however, try to distort his achievements.

For a long time they pretty much neglected this, preferring to hope that, if they just ignored him, his memory would gradually fade. But it has failed to do so.

On the contrary, he is as alive as ever in the memory of the American people, and is almost (if not quite) universally beloved. It is positively comical to see how all of the Republican presidential wannabes, in election after election, proclaim themselves "Reagan Republicans," and vie for the honor of wearing his mantle. It is almost the exact equivalent of the fetish the Democrats have made of FDR.

As you might expect, some of the current crop of Democratic politicians are not above trying to get a little of the Reagan glory to rub off on them. One of the most recent is Barack Obama, who told a Nevada newspaper that Reagan had offered America a "sense of dynamism and entrepreneurship that had been missing." This is incontestably true, but Obama neglected to couple it with some balancing words of condemnation that certain of his Democratic colleagues apparently felt were necessary.

So Obama has been landed on by the gatekeepers of the Democratic shrine, for whom Ronald Reagan was — and must always be portrayed as — irremediably evil.

Thus Paul Krugman, who embarrasses even the Op-Ed page of The New York Times with his frantic liberalism, bluntly declared, "the furor over Obama's praise for Ronald Reagan is not, as some think, overblown. The fact is that how we talk about the Reagan era still matters immensely for American politics." Krugman follows this up with a column's worth of tendentious denunciations of Reagan's policies: "Reaganomics failed. ... The Reagan economy was a one-hit wonder. ... (T)he inevitable recession arrived (in the Bush years).... There wasn't any resurgence (in productivity)." Etc., etc.

In all of this, of course, Krugman misses the point. Perhaps more accurately, he avoids the point. Arguing over this or that aspect of Reagan's economic record misses the true significance of the man as totally as the Liberty-League nitpickers of the mid-1930s missed the significance of Franklin Roosevelt. It wasn't FDR's grotesque economics, or his disastrous court-packing plan, that made the New Deal memorable and popular. It was the man's panache, and his obvious confidence in the fundamental strength and vitality of American society, that endeared him to the voters.

Similarly, what characterized Ronald Reagan, and made him memorable, was his pride in this country and in its commitment to the principles of freedom, both here and abroad. Americans saw in him a reflection of their own nobility, and responded to it. That is the mark of a true leader, and that is what the Reagan "myth" was really about.

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Famous AbGONE™ pill that promotes pot belly loss is now more powerful

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By John Whitehead, Media Services

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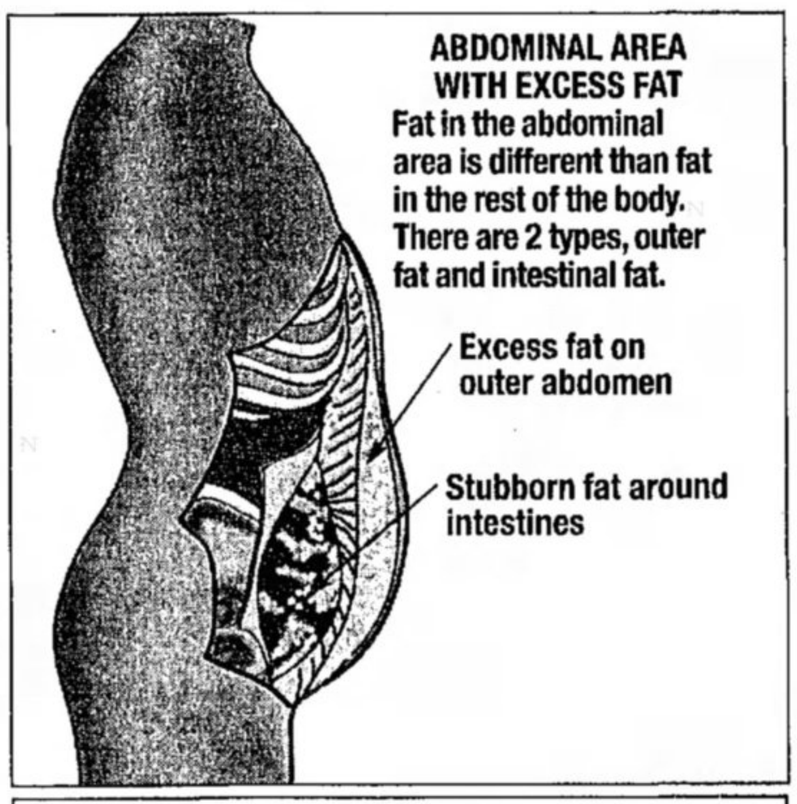
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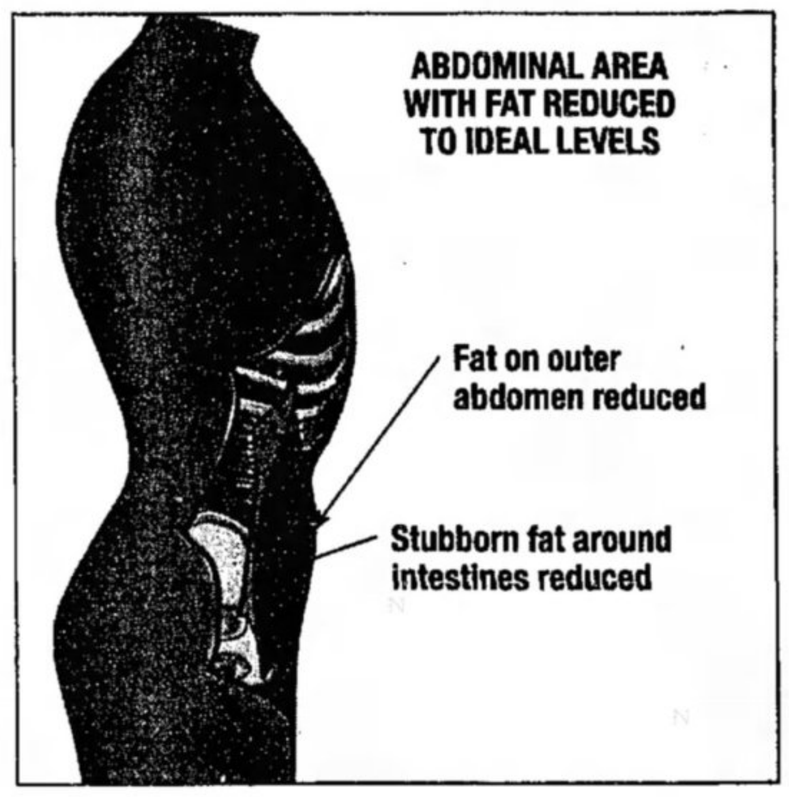

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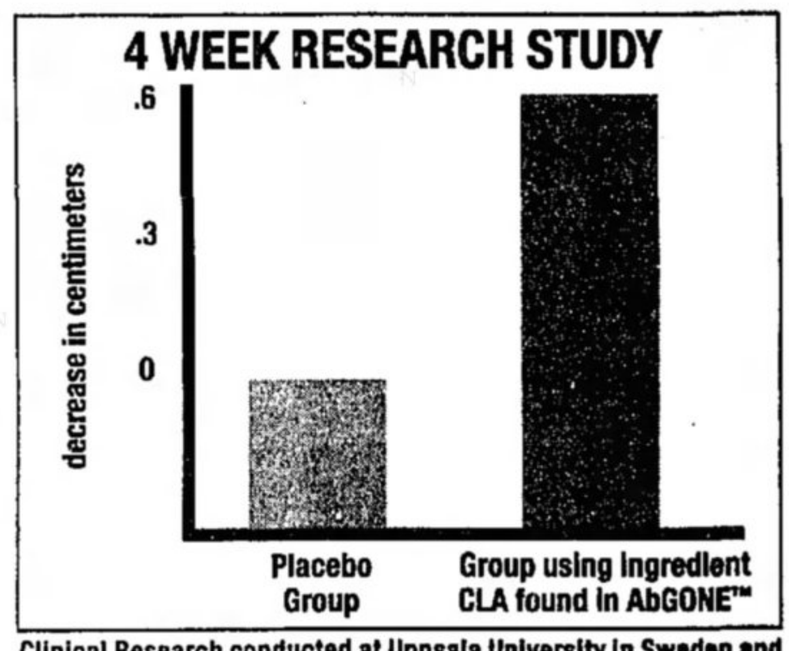

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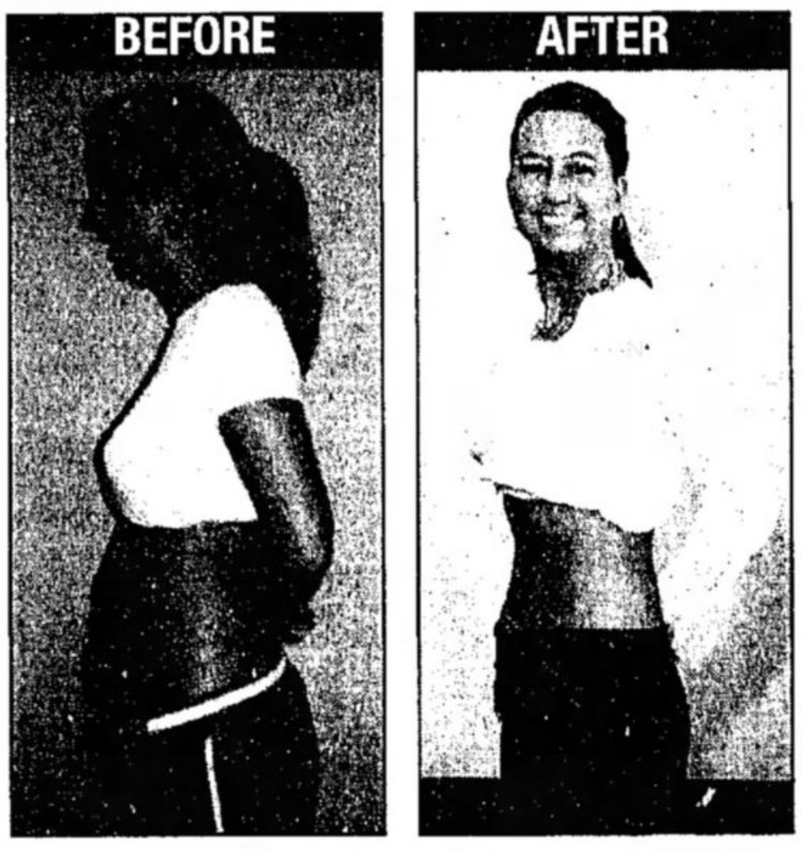

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Diary of a First Street Rambler

Those Runfola brothers sure could fix shoes

Saturday, April 24, 1948
Dear Diary,

Earlier today my mom sent me up to Runfola's to pick up my dress shoes and a pair of her high heels.

Runfola's is this shop about half a block from our apartment. It's on Schoonmaker Avenue, between Second and Third streets.

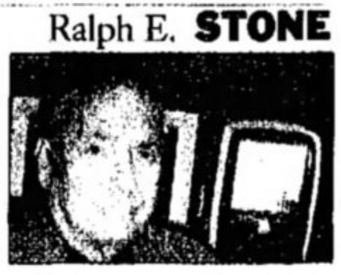
These two brothers fix people's shoes. They call it Runfolo's Shoe Hospital 'cause they fix people's sick shoes. I guess you could say that the two brothers are the doctors.

My shoes had a big hole right in the middle of the right foot and a little hole in the sole of the left foot. I guess you could also say that besides Runfola's being a shoe hospital, it is also a shoe church. Churches save people's souls and Runfola's saves shoe soles.

Ha! Get it? Souls and soles!!

Those are homonyms. That means two words that sound alike but they are usually spelled different and have different meanings. That's another thing I learned in Miss Conroy's English class.

Ralph E. **STONE**



Anyway, Runfola's sure saved my soles! They also saved my heels 'cause besides putting new leather soles on my shoes, they also gave me new heels that weren't all run down like my old ones were.

When I got to Runfola's, I gave them this ticket that told them which shoes were mine. Heck, when I looked at those shoes, they looked as good as new! The shoe doctor even shined them up for me. If I didn't outgrow my shoes, I could probably keep one pair forever 'cause when those Runfola shoe doctors fix 'em they're as good as new.

I think that when I become a man and my feet are done growing, I'll find a pair of shoes I really like and just let those Runfola guys keep fixing them. That will sure save me a lot of money for other stuff like root beer ice cream sodas.

While I was there, I was looking to see if Josephine was around. Josephine is one of the shoe doctor's daughters. She is in my class at school. In fact, she's been in my class ever since the first grade. She's one of those girls who we used to play kissing games with at birthday parties. It wasn't so bad kissing her 'cause she is kinda' pretty. I never told her that though 'cause she might think I like her!

Anyway, Josephine was no where around, even though they live in the upstairs apartment just like I live in the upstairs apartment above Sivies' Hardware store. Josephine also has an older brother named Christy. I remember him 'cause he was on the high school basketball team when I was a little kid in grade school. Anyway, Christy ain't around anymore. I think he went to college or got married or something like that. Anyway, he didn't become a shoe doctor.

When I got home with the (healed) heeled shoes (another homonym), I went to Span's Drugstore to meet the Ramblers. We hiked up to Wildcat Hollow for a baseball practice at City Park.

Author's Notes: The entire block on Schoonmaker Avenue, between Second and Third streets, was a busy hive of business activities. Not only was the shoe hospital there, but the neighborhood also housed a quality meat market and grocery store in Kovalchuck's. Keystone Bakery supplied our baked goods while Parnelli's filled our fruit baskets. Marie's Confectionary satisfied our sweet tooth, while Span's Drugstore filled our prescriptions.

The street was also lined with a few neighborhood bars which quenched the thirst of the steel workers returning to their homes following an eight-hour shift at Pages or Pittsburgh Steel.

These businesses in the heart of Rambler territory during the post-war years were no exception. Other neighborhoods throughout the twenty thousand plus population of our 3rd class city had their own mini-business districts as well.

My classmate, Josephine, currently lives in Coraopolis. She is the widow of Nick Perich, who once coached a Rambler basketball team that entered the Monessen City League. Josephine is still a very pretty lady, but now I guess she knows that I think so!

I have received two messages in regard to two of my recent stories.

The first was an e-mail from Joy Jones Groat, of Marysville, Ohio. Joy was one of the "pretty" girls I was enamored with while attending Sunday school classes at the Methodist Church. She reads these stories regularly and enjoys the memories. She tells me that both her husband and youngest son are Presbyterian ministers, the church I deserted for the "pretty" girls."

The second message was a wonderful hand-written note from Marlene Falbo Olivier, who lives in Michigan. Marlene played the role of Snow White in the grade school play which made Donald "Half Pint" Hayes famous. Marlene tells me she had numerous phone calls relating the Snow White story to her. One of my wife's several collections is Snow White memorabilia. I told her I had something she didn't have in her collection. When she asked me what that was, I told her I had received a personal letter from Snow White!

Marilynne is awaiting correspondence from Don Hayes so that she can boast receiving a letter from Dopey!

My thanks to both Joy and Marlene.

In last week's story I spelled Buzzy's last name incorrectly. The correct spelling is Shimchick.

I also learned from my friend, Jo Ann Melnick, that he lives in the state of Washington, not Oregon.

I also learned from Ray Popp that Buzzy's friend, Fred Rousseau, now lives in Oklahoma.

Next Week: Marbles and Italian ice.

Retiring boomers will cost billions

Boomers could strain government services because many have not prepared for retirement.

By BILL ZLATOS
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Daniel Barnes, of Wilkinsburg, began delivering newspapers in Homewood and Penn Hills at age 8. He later worked at U.S. Steel's Homestead Works, automobile garages and a demolition company.

Barnes, who turns 62 this month, is in the first wave of the nation's 77 million baby boomers - Americans born between 1946 and 1964 - who become eligible this year to receive Social Security benefits.

Barnes opted to retire at 62 rather than keep working with a bad back.

"I'm going to sit back and enjoy my retirement," he said.

Experts say this generation could strain government services at a time when many have not prepared for retirement.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, 41 percent of workers between the ages of 45 and 54 have saved less than $25,000 for retirement.

"The first baby boomer today is creating what I call a fiscal tsunami over the next several decades," said Stuart Shapiro, president of the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Health Care Association. "The cost of long-term care for these baby boomers will cost billions of dollars."

He said 70 percent of baby boomers will need some kind of long-term care whether in a nursing home or elsewhere, but Social Security and Medicare do not cover those costs, and state Medicaid programs are stretched beyond their limits.

Pennsylvania spends $15 billion per year on medical assistance, including long-term care. Long-term care in a Pennsylvania nursing home costs an average of about $70,000 per year, Shapiro said.

Pennsylvania had nearly 1.9 million people 65 and older in 2006, U.S. Census Bureau figures show; another 1.4 million people would hit age 65 by 2016.

Stacey Witalec, a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, said the number of baby boomers concerns state officials.

"That's why we're moving away from an institutional-based system of care and working to provide an expanded amount of home and community-based services," she said.

The Social Security's retirement fund, with $1.8 trillion in assets as of 2006, will be exhausted in 2042, and Medicare's reserves, $305.4 billion as of 2006, will be exhausted by 2019, according to the 2007 annual report of the trustees for the systems.

Having enough money for retirement becomes especially important as Americans live longer - to an average age of 77.8 years.

Meanwhile, employers have shifted their benefits from pensions to 401(k) plans, meaning that the responsibility falls on the employees' shoulders to prepare for retirement.

"My general sense is that most people are woefully unprepared to finance their own retirement," said Tom Franks, founder and president of Emmanuel Capital Management, LLC, an investment firm in Franklin Park. He teaches a class, "Investing for a Better Retirement," at the North Campus of Community College of Allegheny County.

Franks recommends saving 10 percent of income each year, putting the most money that the law allows into a tax-deferred account such as a 401(k) plan and investing most of one's savings in stocks, not just bonds.

"It's better to have money in stocks all over the world than just in U.S. stocks," he added.

To address the onslaught of retirees, social service agencies and local employers will have to change the way they operate, experts say.

Karen Wolk Feinstein, president of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh, urged the consolidation of hospice programs.

"Many can't operate at maximum efficiency because there are too many," she said.

She recommended that companies welcome retirees into the work force by accommodating their reduced hours and extended vacations.

Many boomers are choosing to delay their retirement or reinvent themselves.

Claudia Careccia, of Monroeville, turned 62 on New Year's Day and could collect Social Security benefits this year.

Even though she has saved regularly for retirement, she expects to keep working as a nurse at the VA hospital in Oakland at least until she is 65.

"I don't feel like I'm ready," said Careccia.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 9, massage, beauty shop; 10, watercolor guild; 1, German Club, bridge/500, choir practice; 2, Zumba Gold.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, Health Steps in Motion (PEPPI); 1, bingo, bridge/500, dart ball, news and views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, Bible study; 1, bridge/500; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 9:30, Advisory Board; 11, blood pressures, PEPPI; 1, bridge/500, bingo, advanced strings jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking club; 9, massage, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, bingo; 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 7, evening pinochle.

Tuesday – 10:30, bingo; 11, German style Mardi Gras party, crafts; 12:45, card club; 2-7:30, massages by appointment; 7, evening euchre.

Wednesday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, bingo, blood pressures, Bible study; 1, jam session.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop; 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, blood pressures, bingo; 11, writing life stories; 12:30, monthly book club; 1, super bingo.

Friday – 8, beauty shop; 10:30, bingo, line dancing.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – Income tax preparations; 9-11:30, scrap booking; 11, blood pressures; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, darts.

Tuesday – Income tax preparations; 8-10, fried dough; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, puzzle day.

Wednesday – 11, ear candling demo, Silver Sneakers, 11:30, daily bingo; 1, big bingo; 2-7, massages.

Thursday – 11:30, daily bingo; 1, darts.

Friday – Income tax preparations; 8-10, fried dough; 11:30, daily bingo; 12:30, euchre club; 1, Silver Sneakers.

DONORA

Monday – 9, walking; 10, advanced line dancing; 11, "What did you say?"-Prime-Time Health; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 9, walking; 10, exercise class, blood pressures; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, card club, cards and pokeno.

Wednesday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, beginner's line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Thursday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, fitness class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, blood pressures; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

MONESSEN

Monday – 1, bingo; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes.

Tuesday – Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 10, crochet class; 1:45, sit 'n fit; card games, "65"/rummydominoes.

Wednesday – 10:30, Bible study with Jim; 12:30, bridge club; card games-"65"rummy/dominoes.

Thursday – Wheeling Downs trip; Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 10:30, blood pressures; 11:45, sit 'n fit; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; 1:45, sit and fit.

Friday – card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; dominoes (Mexican Train) morning and afternoon.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11, "Preserving your Wealth,"-Waddell & Reed; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards.

Tuesday – 9, craft class; beauty shop by appointment; 10, blood pressures; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards, darts.

Wednesday – 10:45, dominos; 11:30, magic bingo, devotional; hairdresser by appointment; exercise group after lunch; 1, card games.

Thursday – 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; beauty shop by appointment; 7, evening social.

Friday – beauty shop by appointment; 9-1, Income tax preparation; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; 1:30, line dancing with Frieda.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 8, walking; 9-2, Income tax preparation, poker club, card club; 10, PEPPI exercises; 1, cards and table games, pickin 'n grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin' 'n grinning; jig saw puzzle assembling morning and after-noon.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9, big bingo; 9:30, bingo; jig-saw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop, walking; 9, ceramics, blood pressures; 10, PEPPI exercise; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Friday – 8, beauty shop, walking, 9:30, bingo; 10, craft of your choice, jig-saw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center in the Woods, Center on the Hill, Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela andPerryopolis
Monday – chicken strip sandwich
Tuesday – French dip sandwich
Wednesday – cheese lasagna
Thursday – ham and cheese sandwich
Friday – macaroni and cheese

Monessen and West Newton
Monday – pepper steak
Tuesday – ham and scalloped potatoes
Wednesday – pizza
Thursday – turkey with gravy
Friday – breaded fish

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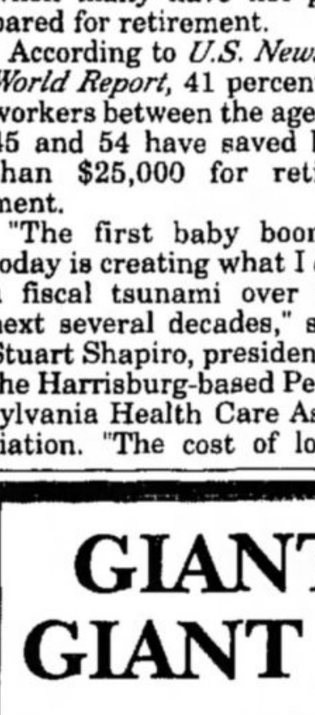

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The Lady Rams shook off a slow start Thursday to beat West Allegheny and earn their first section title in 13 years. **2B**

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Which Pittsburgh Steeler receiver caught a second-best 10 passes in a Super Bowl game? **2B**

Last night's scores

Carolina 3, Toronto 2, OT
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Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 0
Boston 4, Ottawa 1
Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 3

Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame

Eight new members welcomed

Monessen's Donna DeMarino Sanft is the fourth woman to be honored.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Make room for another woman in the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame.

The newest addition will be Monessen native Donna DeMarino Sanft.

Sanft, who was promoted to executive associate athletic director at Pitt this week, will be the fourth woman to be inducted following Suzy Williams Broadhurst (1999), Ashley Totedo (2004) and Gina Naccarato (2005).

Kurey

Sanft

Joining Sanft in the Class of 2008 are Joe Kurey of Monessen, John Hewitt and John Wozniak both of Belle Vernon, Gary Hogan of Charleroi, Billy Russell of Donora, James "Kayo" Adamson of California and Bob "Red" Worrell of Centerville. Wozniak, Worrell and Adamson are deceased.

The 15th annual banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. June 13 at the Willow Room in the Willowpoint Plaza in Rostraver Townmship.

Tickets cost $35 and can be purchased by contacting general chairman Steve Russell at (724) 929-6112 or by making checks payable to MMVASHOF in care of Russell at 500 Perry Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

Everyone attending the banquet will receive a commemorative badge that features inaugural inductees Stan Musial and Bert Rechichar.

Here's a capsule look at the Class of 2008:

■ James H. "Kayo" Adamson — He got the nickname (Kayo) as an amateur boxer. One of the few gridders who ever played college football while still in high school. In his senior year (1926) at California High, he was overage and ineligible to play for the California Cubs, so he played quarterback three seasons at California State College. Officiated with three Hall of Famers — Jim Hamer, Bill Parkinson and Tom Brown. California State College named its stadium after him in 1971. He died in 1982.

■ John Hewitt — A 1957 Bellmar High graduate, he was an All-American in both football and lacrosse at the U.S. Naval Academy. A guard and linebacker, he had the distinction of being the first Navy gridder to play in 30 straight games. He also played on two national championship lacrosse teams.

■ Gary Hogan — A 1960 Charleroi High graduate, he quarterbacked the Cougars to a 10-0 record his senior year including a 13-12 victory over Aliquippa in the WPIAL Class AA title game at Pitt Stadium. He kicked the winning point. He had a three-year record of 23-2-1 after replacing an injured Butch Cosner in mid-season of his sophomore campaign. He hit two home runs at Forbes Field in a Pittsburgh Pirates tryout, but turned down baseball to go to Purdue

■ Joe Kurey — A 1958 Monessen High graduate who starred in basketball and tennis.

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BVA girls end playoff drought

Win over Yough and a loss by Steel Valley gives Lady Leps the final spot.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — The nine-year playoff drought for Belle Vernon Area's girls' basketball program is over.

Thanks to their 43-35 win over Yough Thursday, and despite having a 3-7 record in Class AAA Section 5, the Lady Leopards' season will continue next week in the post-season.

"I am happy that we have made the playoffs," coach Tim Keefer said. "But we will have to be ready to play because it is a different level of play."

The BVA playoff berth gave Yough coach Lou Zadecky mixed emotions. He coached the BVA team from the 2000-01 season through the 2003-04 campaign.

"Obviously I wanted us to win," he said. "But I am happy to a point because I care about their program.

"I was always treated well there by everyone and there were no hard feelings when I came to Yough. I am happy that they are going back to the playoffs and I am happy for the Belle Vernon community."

To make the playoffs, BVA (6-17, 3-7) needed help from section champion West Mifflin, and they got it.

West Mifflin downed Steel Valley, 80-38, which created a tie for fourth place between BVA and Steel Valley.

"Whether we are in a pigtail game or face a top seed, it is going to be a tough opponent," Keefer said.

BVA was paced early by Lisa Manderino's six first quarter points as it raced out to an 11-7 lead.

Manderino's early production was a sign of things to come as BVA dominated in the paint.

In the second quarter, Kayla Watson (eight) and Manderino (four) dominated on the blocks as they scored every BVA point in the period to up the lead to 29-15 at halftime.

Watson scored all nine BVA points in the third quarter on three baskets and three of six free throws to widen the margin to 32-19 going into the last eight minutes.

Yough (8-16, 0-10) made a run in the fourth quarter, but three walking violations and three turnovers from a BVA press gave the hosts the win and playoff berth on Senior Night.

"Ball handling has been our weakness all year," Zadecky said. "But there are no excuses. Belle Vernon came through when they had to."

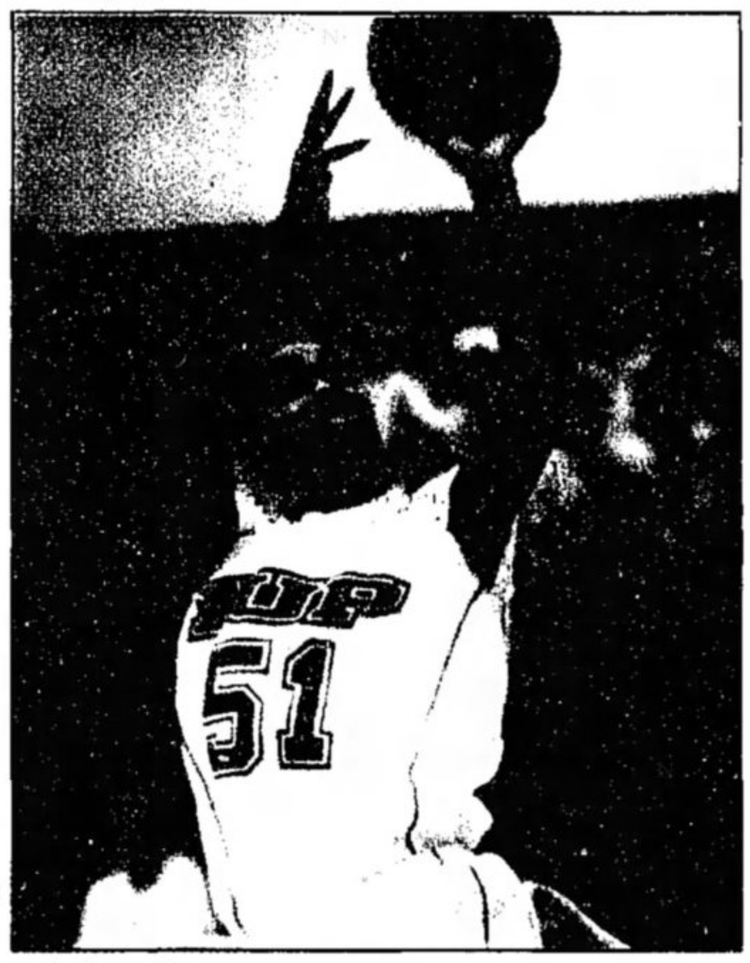
In the closing frame, BVA only made one basket as Yough cut the lead to five on two occasions, but the Lady Leopards went nine for 12 from the line.

Despite the win, Keefer was not happy with his team's reaction to earning the playoff berth.

"There was no celebration or emotion," he said. "There are girls on this team that were upset about not getting their stats. If we play with that attitude next week, we will be out of the playoffs very fast."

The BVA playoff absence dates back to the Class of 1999 that won the only three basketball section titles in history ('97, '98 and '99). Seniors in that class included Jessica Hughes, Tracey Rodriguez, Erica Templin and the late Sasha Zuro.

NOTES: Watson finished with 21 points while Manderino added 12 and both grabbed 10 rebounds for BVA ... Cassey Gilkey led Yough with nine points ... Watson, Paige Anderson, Missy Baldwin, and Galina Cheykina were the four seniors honored before the game ... BVA finished 17 for 26 from the line while Yough went seven for 10 ... A floral wreath was placed at the scorer's table prior to the game and a moment of silence was given to honor the memories of Zuro and Jonathan Murt, who passed away Sunday morning in a fire.



Jahzinga Tracey

Saturday showdown for PSAC West's top two teams

The Cal U women will face Indiana for the first time since last year's PSAC title game.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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The last time the California University women's basketball team faced Indiana the PSAC championship was on the line.

That was March 3, 2007, at Millersville's Pucillo gym where 6-1 sophomore Jahzinga Tracey scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Crismon Hawks to a 63-53 victory.

Saturday at 5 p.m. the Vulcans (17-2, 4-0) and Indiana (18-2, 3-1) collide at Hamer Hall in a showdown of two of the PSAC West's top teams.

While California is ranked No. 1 in the East and riding a 14-game winning streak, Indiana had a nine-game streak snapped in an 88-75 home loss to Shippensburg.

Indiana entered the Ship contest fifth in the country and third in the East with its other loss at No. 2 Fairmont State, 65-60.

Although Cal tops the East for the first time in a couple of years, coach Darcie Vincent knows staying in that spot won't be easy.

"It's a nice feeling to be up there again but we have a long way to go," said Vincent. "The West is crazy with Ship, Indiana and Edinboro all good and Clarion coming on."

"The key is you have to take care of business at home and can't afford to lose any home games." she added.

The Vulcans have been winning with one of their younger teams with junior Lindsay Johnson and sophomore Brooque Williams, who were reserves, the only returnees from the title loss to IUP.

(See CAL U, Page 2B)

Guarantees are sports tradition

Plaxico Burress' Super Bowl boast conjures up memories of Joe Namath and Muhammad Ali.

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

PHOENIX (AP) — There are guarantees, and then there are guarantees.

Muhammad Ali spent his career making them, though he had an advantage. Not only could he do them in rhyme, but he could back them up with his fists.

So when Ali was a bigger underdog against the fearsome George Foreman in Zaire in 1974 than the New York Giants are in this Super Bowl, there wasn't much doubt that he would have something to say to boost the hype.

Because Ali never disappointed with his mouth.

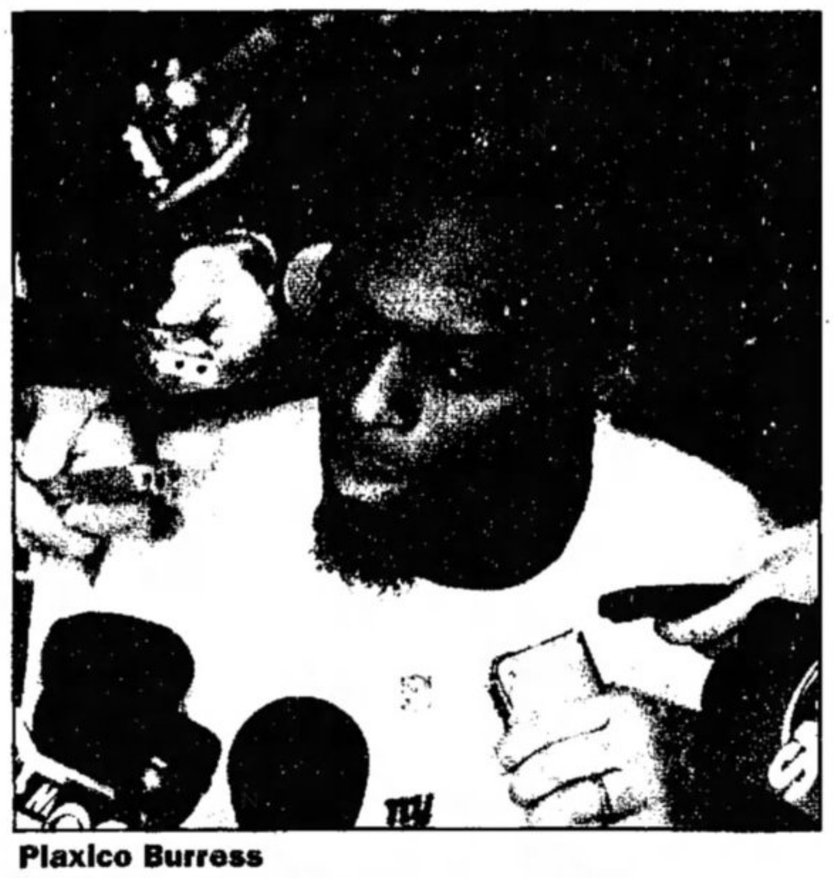
"If you were surprised when Nixon resigned, just watch what happens when I whup Foreman's behind," he shouted.

Ali lives in nearby Scottsdale, though he's not doing much talking these days. He did whup Foreman's behind, but the ravages of Parkinson's have since taken a terrible toll on his body and one of the greatest talkers ever is now basically mute.

Something tells me he might have smiled a bit, though, when Plaxico Burress opened his mouth this week and not only guaranteed the Giants would beat the New England Patriots but predicted the final score.

For those who weren't listening, that would be 23-17, a final that would not only make a lot of New York fans happy but some Las Vegas bookmakers, too. Even happier, though, are the hundreds of writers gathered here who, before Burress spoke, had only Tom Brady's ankle and Bill Belichick's wisdom of life to write about.

It wasn't exactly Joe Namath lounging poolside and delivering the most famous guarantee ever, but it had the desired effect. During a week in which even the smallest tidbit of news is huge news, Burress did everyone but his



Plaxico Burress

teammates a favor by giving an undefeated team that already had a chip on its shoulder one more reason to stay undefeated.

Who would have thought that Burress seemed to understand what both Ali and Namath always did — that while the stakes are extremely high, there's nothing wrong with trying to have a little fun.

"All this is entertainment," Burress said. "It's sports, and sports are entertainment. So 23-17 is the prediction

In today's electronic locker rooms the bulletin boards are in short supply.

Pittsburgh safety Anthony Smith dared do the same thing to the Patriots late in the regular season, and paid dearly for it. Brady passed for 399 yards and Smith was burned on two long touchdown passes as New England trounced the Steelers 34-13.

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SPORTS

Super Bowl bound? Bring lots of money

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

PHOENIX — So, you were one of the lucky ones. You got chosen to buy a Super Bowl ticket.

Congratulations, that'll be $700.

And that's just the beginning. You might also want to start shoring up that bank account, maybe put the rest of your 2008 vacation plans on hold. This journey to the center of the sports universe will take its toll in cold, hard cash (and credit cards, too).

The total cost: $5,033. That's more than $1,675 for each of the three Super Bowls the Patriots have won so far. Or $280 for every game they've won this year. Or a touch over $100 for each of the 50 touchdowns Tom Brady threw for. It comes to $83.88 a minute, or about $41.94 for each play in Sunday's game. Or the cost of 125 white rose bouquets delivered to Gisele Bundchen.

About 24,000 of the 73,000 tickets at University of Phoenix Stadium were awarded to average fans through the lotteries the Giants and Patriots held among their pool of season-ticket holders.

They all had a chance to sell those tickets to brokers for around $4,000 a pop — kind of like winning the real lottery — but those who want to live the dream, see the Super Bowl in person, might be keeping an eye on their credit scores as they watch the scoreboard.

The breakdown:

■ Airfare, $775. That was the price Jan. 22 for a round-trip ticket from Kennedy airport in New York to Phoenix (with a stop in Atlanta on the return). On Monday, that same ticket was going for $1,123.

Airfares from Boston were similar. The Patriots are in their fourth Super Bowl in the last seven years and there are some stories circulating about fans who made their plans weeks, if not months ago, betting the Patriots would make it to Phoenix. They bet right and may have saved about $500. On airfare, at least.

■ Hotel, $1,100. It could be worse. Because of a deal the NFL cuts with Super Bowl host cities, there are caps on the prices hotels can charge and still be "affiliated" with the Super Bowl experience. Most hotels require at least a four-night stay. A La Quinta near the airport averages $259 a night starting Thursday, up for the normal $109. Add tax to get to the final figure.

■ Rental car and parking, $510. No use in bothering with cabs in one of America's most sprawling cities. An intermediate-sized rental car at Enterprise was running $90 a day. If you were lucky enough to get a parking pass for the game at $60, you're set. If not, drive to downtown Glendale and park, then take a short, $5 shuttle ride to the stadium.

■ Food, $700. Phoenix is a great place for Mexican food, which is usually relatively cheap. So dinner at the Tee Pee on 42nd Street and Indian School might run about $40 for eats and a couple of margaritas. Meanwhile, if you can get in at the Pink Pony Steakhouse — a kitschy old spring training haunt for Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio and that set — the dinner bill will probably be double.

You'll probably do lunch on the run, or at the golf course ($15 a day), and spend about $5 a day at Starbucks trying to fight those hangovers. Throw in $50 for hot dogs, beers and other overpriced fare at the game and a few bucks for antacid on the way home.

■ Golf, $225. It would be expensive this time of year, Super Bowl or no. At the Phoenician Resort, on the morning of Super Bowl Sunday, there were a few tee times available, though if you get one, you'll have to hustle from the 18th green to the game. Remember to tip the bag boys and the cart girl. But if you wait until the last minute to make golf plans, you'll be driving a long way to a course on the outskirts of town — or watching golf instead of playing.

■ FBR Open golf tournament, $100. Actually, general admission tickets for the PGA Tour's regular stop in Phoenix — a golf tournament that happens to be held in the middle of the party and boozefest at the TPC Scottsdale — are surprisingly cheap. It's only $25 to be one of the 150,000 at the course on any given day. But at this event, it's not so much about the golf. The beer stand is never too far away. Also budget for souvenirs, beers and — who are we kidding here? — the cab ride back to the hotel.

Associated Press

Anyone going to see Eli Manning and the Giants in the Super Bowl will need plenty of cash.

Lady Rams wrap up section title

Ringgold survives poor first quarter to defeat West Allegheny.

The Ringgold High girls' basketball team didn't get off to a good start in its home finale with West Allegheny Thursday.

Needing a win to clinch at least a tie for the Class AAA Section 4 title, the Lady Rams were down 13-5 after one quarter.

It wasn't an indication of things to come.

The Lady Rams bounced back for a hard-earned 38-34 victory to end a 13-year section championship drought.

"I think it was just a case of us being very up for the game and too excited early," said Ringgold coach Joe Ravasio.

The Lady Rams (17-6, 9-1) didn't take the lead until Emily Schartner hit a jumper with four seconds remaining in the first half to make it 17-16 after holding he ball for one shot for nearly a minute.

"Schartner's basket gave us good momentum," said Ravasio.

Ringgold took a 28-26 lead into the fourth quarter and didn't seal the win until Schartner hit a free throw with 28 seconds remaining to put the Lady Rams up 37-34. Teammate Jennie Affinito closed the scoring with a free throw 16 seconds later.

Alina Selby, who was six of eight from the floor, led Ringgold with 15 points, including 10 in the middle two periods with Schartner adding 14 after a scoreless first quarter. Schartner also had four assists and five steals. Affinito dished out nine assists.

High for West Allegheny (12-11, 6-4), which was coming off a 61-39 romp over Blackhawk Wednesday, were 6-1 junior Michelle Walker and sophomore Brianna Bayly with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Walker scored eight of her points in the opening quarter and then didn't score again until the fourth period.

"Winning the section was really a great accomplishment because everyone stepped up a little more after we lost Bethany Warren following the past season," said Ravasio.

The Lady Rams visit Class AA Canevin (16-6) Saturday at 7:30 p.m..

Chartiers Valley (16-6, 8-1) can share the section title with Ringgold with a home victory over Keystone Oaks (6-14, 3-6) tonight. The Lady Colts won their first meeting, 54-34.

Lady Warriors rip TJ

Elizabeth Forward tuned for the upcoming WPIAL basketball playoffs with a win Thursday.

Not Charleroi or California.

That was the area high school girls' basketball story in a nutshell.

Elizabeth Forward finished second in Class AAA Section 5 with a 50-37 win at Thomas Jefferson.

Cassy Sanderson (16) and Rachel Hirnyk (12) combined for 28 points for the Lady Warriors (20-4, 8-1), who never trailed after taking a 13-4 first-quarter lead.

In Class AA Section 5, Charleroi tied for second with Brownsville and Beth-Center after falling at home to champion Washington, 63-49.

Trailing 36-19 at halftime, the Lady Cougars couldn't get closer than seven (42-35) in the second half.

Jocelyn Floyd (22), Jenna Phillips (15) and Marguerite Sargent (14) combined for 51 points for Washington (21-1, 12-0).

Looking best for Charleroi (13-11, 7-5), which had a six-game winning streak snapped, were Aly Lee and Makaya Neff with 20 and 13 points, respectively.

Bentworth rallied for a 41-35 win at Beth-Center to avenge a 36-35 loss.

Amanda Kennedy and Cassie Robker both had nine points for the Lady Bearcats (12-11, 6-6). Kennedy also had 15 rebounds.

California was a 73-43 loser at Class A Section 2 champion Geibel.

The Lady Trojans trailed 19-18 after one quarter before getting outscored 29-1 in the second period.

Mia White poured in 29 points and Sarah Erdely 28 for the Lady Gators (17-5, 10-0) with Kristina Wagner (17) and Morgan Moluski (16) topping fourth place California (8-13, 4-6).

In Class A Section 3, Frazier (0-23, 0-10) ended a winless campaign with a 49-28 defeat at Avella.

Laurissa Ellis had 12 point for the Lady Commodores, who trailed 3-2 after one quarter before getting outscored 47-25.

Girls' basketball roundup

Guarantees (FROM PAGE ONE)

But this is the Super Bowl, and if players on both sides haven't found enough motivation to win Sunday's game, they're looking in the wrong places. That's especially true for the Patriots, who are chasing a fourth championship in seven years and a spot in history as the first undefeated team in the NFL in 35 years.

"It's human nature to get motivated by some of those comments," said Rodney Harrison, the Patriots safety who could see a lot of Burress up close and personal on Sunday. "At the same time you understand that it's just mouth service."

Mouth service, indeed, though Burress must not have gotten the memo when Tom Coughlin sat his team down before flying to Phoenix and warned them not to do anything to antagonize the Patriots. The Giants are already 12-point underdogs, and it makes some sense to keep quiet just in case the Patriots try to embarrass them the way they piled it on against the Redskins and the Bills earlier this season.

Coughlin didn't seem terribly upset Thursday when discussing his prized wide receiver's comments, which made headlines in all the New York tabloids. Maybe he realized that even the most controlling coaches can't control what is said during Super Bowl week when reporters have greater access to players than they do in the regular season, and even the notoriously tightlipped Belichick is required to talk.

Burress wasn't terribly worried about the fallout from his comments, either.

"We can still laugh about it and have fun with it," he said. "That was one of the things that made Muhammad Ali great. He made predictions and he went out and got it done. I'm not saying I'm Muhammad Ali.

He added a little fuel to the fire and a little excitement to the show. We're just having fun with it."

So was Ali, though even The Greatest knew his limits. After missing the round in one of his fights, Ali admitted that maybe, just maybe, he couldn't control everything.

"If my fans think I can do everything I say I can do, then they're crazier than I am," Ali said.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Tom Parks joined Belle Vernon Area's 1,000-point club with 19 in the Leps' 61-47 win over Charleroi.

Monessen downed Laurel Highlands, 87-62, behind Reggie Allen's 26 points.

Delmer Beshore scored 28 points in California State College's 102-77 rout over Alliance.

20 Years Ago

The first black quarterback to start in the Super Bowl, Doug Williams threw for 300 yards and four touchdowns in the Washington Redskins' 42-10 romp over Denver.

10 Years Ago

California University posted a 90-78 overtime win at Indiana behind Reon Nesmith's 20 points.

Seattle Mariners outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. received the American League Most Valuable Player Award from his father at the 75th annual dinner of the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Kelli Torboli scored 16 points in California University's 73-59 loss at Indiana.

Cal U (FROM PAGE ONE)

Johnson and Williams are now starting with sophomore Crystal Andrews and freshmen Kayla Smith and Amber Dubyak.

"We're playing well as a team," said Vincent. "Our strength has been being unselfish and the girls understanding their roles. The good thing we're a balanced team."

The Vulcans are averaging 80 points led by Williams (17.8), Smith (16.2) and Andrews (11.2).' Williams and Dubyak are both scoring nine points a game.

Indiana's Tracey, meanwhile, is picking up where she left off last year as the PSAC West Player of the Year after averaging 18 points and nine rebounds.

Tracey is averaging 20 points and nine rebounds and is coming off a 36 point performance against Ship. She set school records with 16 field goals and 36 attempts.

Tracey is seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,295 points, four behind Sue Brecko.

Indiana's other scoring threats are 5-5 junior Kylie Miller (10.3) and 5-11 junior Staci Heberling (9.4).

SPORTS DIGEST

Monessen girls eye school first

The Monessen High girls' basketball team will be going after the first unbeaten regular season in the school's history tonight at home against Class AA Wilkinsburg at six o'clock in the first game of a doubleheader.

Led by Christina Chukwuedo and Kelly Mornak, the Class A Lady Greyhounds are 22-0.

Wilkinsburg (11-8) boasts the WPIAL's top scorer in Darche Jackson, who's averaging 33.5 points.

Jackson is coming off a career-high 56 points in Thursday's 83-46 win over Ellis School in Class AA Section 4.

The Greyhounds (17-5, 12-1) face Brownsville (11-12, 7-6) in the second contest at 7:30 p.m. needing a win to clinch the Class AA Section 5 title.

If Monessen loses and Washington (17-6, 11-2) wins at Charleroi (11-11, 6-7), the Greyhounds and Prexies will share the section title.

If Monessen beats Brownsville, Charleroi can make the playoffs with a win over Prexies.

In their first meetings, Monessen beat Brownsville, 67-49, and Charleroi lost to Washington, 81-19.

BV Area swimmers sweep Brentwood

Belle Vernon Area High's swimmers swept Brentwood Thursday.

The Leps were an 89-81 winner with the Lady Leps taking a 93-63 victory.

Winning for the Leps were Brendan Lacey (200and 500 freestyle), Zachary Wardle (200 individual medley), Aaron Mikula (100 fly), Andre Maldonado (100 backstroke), the 200 freestyle relay team of Maldonado, Jay Lewis, Lacey and Wardle and the 400 freestyle relay team of Wardle, Chris McConnell, Maldonado and Lacey.

Taking firsts for the Lady Leps were Ashley Bronakowski (200 and 500 freestyle), Sydney Rusak (200 individual medley and 100 backstroke), Mary Wardle (50 and 100 freestyle), Megan Russell (100 bre aststroke), the 200 medley relay team of Melind Siber, Russell, Melanie Omasta and Emalee Tunney and the 200 freestyle relay team of Russell, Rusak, Tunney and Wardle.

Serra skaters blank Beaver

Serra's hockey team kept rolling in PIHL's Class A with 10-0 victory over Beaver at Brady's Ice Arena.

The Eagles (14-2-1) have outscored their last four opponents, 37-0.

Serra seniors Josh Wener, Mike Puskar, Pat Boehm and Joe Clark combined for 22 points with goalie Steven Derewonko stopping 18 shots for his fourth straight shutout.

Werner had three goals and five assists for eight points with linemate Puskar adding five points in two goals and three assists. Joe Clark the other linemate, had a goal and two assists.

Defenseman Pat Boehm had a goal and four assists.

BV Area cagers top Albert Gallatin North

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team closes the season at Frazier today after downing Albert Gallatin, 36-12.

Ian Dobbins (11) and Chaz Balsano (10) combined for 21 points for the Little Leps (17-3).

Penguins, Hurricanes trade minor leaguers

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Carolina and Pittsburgh swapped minor-league forwards Thursday night, with the Hurricanes acquiring Joe Jensen from the Penguins for David Gove.

Jensen, 24, has two goals and two assists in 27 games with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League, and the second-year pro has four goals and three assists with the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL.

Gove, 29, has eight goals and 13 assists this season with the Hurricanes' AHL affiliate in Albany, and skated in one game with Carolina but did not register a point. He had one assist in one game last season with the Hurricanes.

Robert Morris edges Monmouth

WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. (AP) — Jeremy Chappell scored 18 points — including four 3-pointers — as Robert Morris held on for a 61-60 win over Monmouth Thursday night.

Monessen's A.J. Jackson added 15 points for the Colonials (16-6, 7-2 Northeast Conference), who won their fourth straight game. Whitney Coleman had 17 points and six rebounds for the Hawks, while Jhamar Youngblood came off the bench to add 15 points and Rickie Crews finished with 10 points.

The Colonials appeared to be in command when Bateko Francisco hit two free throws to give them a 59-53 lead with 4:35 left to play, but Monmouth fought back and cut the lead to 59-58 on Crews' dunk with 1:55 remaining.

Trivia answer

Andre Hastings against Dallas in Super Bowl XXX.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	17	5	61	163	144
Pittsburgh	28	19	4	60	148	139
New Jersey	28	19	3	59	127	119
N.Y. Rangers	25	22	6	56	129	132
N.Y. Islanders	24	22	6	54	127	149

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	16	4	68	180	151
Montreal	27	15	9	63	162	141
Boston	27	19	5	59	136	135
Buffalo	23	21	6	52	147	141
Toronto	20	24	9	49	146	170

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	26	24	4	56	164	173
Washington	24	23	5	53	152	164
Atlanta	24	25	4	52	145	176
Florida	22	25	5	49	130	148
Tampa Bay	21	26	5	47	151	175

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	38	10	4	80	177	112
Nashville	26	21	5	57	151	143
Columbus	25	22	6	56	132	134
St. Louis	23	19	7	53	126	138
Chicago	23	24	4	50	142	149

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	29	19	3	61	143	139
Calgary	26	17	8	60	151	147
Colorado	27	20	4	58	144	141
Vancouver	26	21	5	57	137	129
Edmonton	23	25	5	51	140	161

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	29	20	5	63	158	141
San Jose	28	16	7	63	136	124
Anaheim	27	21	6	60	136	142
Phoenix	27	22	2	56	141	139
Los Angeles	21	29	3	45	148	173

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games

Carolina 3, Toronto 2, OT
Washington 5, Montreal 4, OT
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 0
Boston 4, Ottawa 1
Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 3
Nashville 4, Columbus 2

Today's Games

N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	27	1	0	54
Wooster	14	12	2	30
Jamestown	12	17	0	24
Mon Valley	10	14	3	23
Valley Forge	7	19	2	16

Thursday

Jamestown 7, Wooster 6

Friday

Indiana at Jamestown

Saturday

Valley Forge at Wooster
Indiana at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Quinnipiac 73, St. Francis, Pa. 55
Robert Morris 61, Monmouth, N.J. 60
Temple 58, Fordham 50
Wagner 68, Long Island U. 65

SOUTH

Austin Peay 92, Murray St. 87, OT
Belmont 83, Stetson 75
Chattanooga 96, Georgia Southern 91
Duke 92, N.C. State 72
E. Illinois 72, Jacksonville St. 67
Gardner-Webb 75, North Florida 61
Jacksonville 77, Campbell 66
Lipscomb 70, Florida Gulf Coast 56
Longwood 102, S. Virginia 73
Middle Tennessee 57, Louisiana-Lafayette 51
North Carolina 91, Boston College 69
Northwestern St. 70, Nicholls St. 67
SE Louisiana 70, Cent. Arkansas 62
Samford 65, Tennessee St. 59
Tennessee Tech 100, Tenn.-Martin 95
Troy 92, Louisiana-Monroe 71
W. Kentucky 71, Ark.-Little Rock 47

MIDWEST

Detroit 72, Wis.-Milwaukee 61
IPFW 73, S. Dakota St. 63
IUPUI 88, S. Utah 66
Ill.-Chicago 74, Cleveland St. 68
Loyola of Chicago 69, Youngstown St. 68
Minnesota 77, Michigan 65
Notre Dame 81, Providence 74, OT
Oakland, Mich. 77, N. Dakota St. 74
W. Illinois 77, UMKC 62
Wisconsin 62, Indiana 49
Wright St. 71, Wis.-Green Bay 67

SOUTHWEST

North Texas 70, South Alabama 68

FAR WEST

Arizona 80, Southern Cal 69
CS Northridge 69, UC Irvine 64
Cal St.-Fullerton 91, Long Beach St. 75
California 69, Washington St. 64
Denver 64, Fla. International 50
Hawaii 94, New Mexico St. 71
Montana St. 64, E. Washington 57
N. Colorado 80, N. Arizona 77
Nevada 79, Fresno St. 67
Portland St. 70, Montana 68
Stanford 65, Washington 51
UCLA 84, Arizona St. 51
Weber St. 59, Idaho St. 57

WOMEN

EAST

Hofstra 59, Delaware 56
Iona 90, Loyola, Md. 68
Northeastern 59, Drexel 54

SOUTH

E. Illinois 83, Jacksonville St. 81, 2OT
East Carolina 86, Southern Miss. 70
Georgia Tech 77, Clemson 59
James Madison 81, George Mason 61
Kentucky 47, Georgia 44
LSU 67, South Carolina 37
Louisiana-Monroe 51, Troy 49
Marshall 77, UCF 75, OT
Maryland 90, Miami 50
Mississippi St. 72, Alabama 59
Murray St. 78, Austin Peay 57
New Orleans 76, Florida Atlantic 63
Nicholls St. 78, Northwestern St. 64
North Carolina 76, Wake Forest 55
Old Dominion 76, Georgia St. 44
Samford 67, Tennessee St. 59
Tennessee 68, Mississippi 44
Tennessee Tech 73, Tenn.-Martin 64
Towson 67, Va. Commonwealth 59
Vanderbilt 66, Florida 56

MIDWEST

Cleveland St. 65, Butler 61
Creighton 68, Indiana St. 60
Evansville 71, Bradley 50
Ill.-Chicago 63, Wright St. 60

Zach Randolph and the New York Knicks will face the Trail Blazers at 10:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - Golf Channel - FBR Open, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Millrose Games, track and field.
8 p.m. - ESPN - Utah at Washington, pro basketball.
9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Monty Meza-Clay vs Eric Aiken, boxing.
10:30 p.m. - ESPN - New York at Portland, pro basketball.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	4	0	13	4
Edinboro	4	0	14	4
Indiana	3	1	11	8
Clarion	2	3	10	9
Slippery Rock	1	3	3	15
Lock Haven	1	3	1	17
Shippensburg	0	5	6	14

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	4	0	13	5
Cheyney	4	1	11	6
East Stroudsburg	2	2	13	5
Millersville	2	2	13	6
West Chester	2	2	10	8
Mansfield	1	3	13	6
Bloomsburg	0	5	8	11

Saturday

Indiana at California (7 p.m.)
Edinboro at Lock Haven
Shippensburg at Slippery Rock
Cheyney at Kutztown
East Stroudsburg at Millersville
West Chester at Mansfield

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	4	0	17	2
Indiana	3	1	18	2
Shippensburg	3	2	15	5
Clarion	3	2	13	6
Edinboro	1	3	11	7
Slippery Rock	1	3	7	12
Lock Haven	0	4	5	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	4	0	15	4
West Chester	3	1	11	7
Kutztown	2	2	9	10
East Stroudsburg	2	2	8	10
Cheyney	2	3	5	13
Mansfield	1	3	6	13
Bloomsburg	1	4	5	14

Saturday

Indiana at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Lock Haven
Shippensburg at Slippery Rock
East Stroudsburg at Millersville
West Chester at Mansfield
Cheyney at Kutztown
Bloomsburg at Columbia Union

Latest Line

BEST BET: The Toronto offense is averaging a very solid 109.6 points per game its last six home games. The Lakers' offense is averaging 105.4 points per game on the road this season. Los Angeles is a terrible defensive team that will not slow down the Raptors on their home court and that should make for a high scoring game tonight. Take Toronto/LA Lakers Over 204 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix		
Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
TORONTO	5 1/2	LA Lakers
a-INDIANA	No Line	Houston
b-WASH.	No Line	Utah
Orlando	3 1/2	PHILADELPHIA
c-New Jersey	No Line	MIAMI
MINNESOTA	4 1/2	LA Clippers
New Orleans	3 1/2	SACRAMENTO
GOLDEN STATE	9	Charlotte
PORTLAND	8 1/2	New York

a-Houston T. McGrady is questionable.
b-Washington C. Butler is questionable.
c-Miami D. Wade is questionable.

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
BROWN	4	Cornell
PENNSYLVANIA	2 1/2	Harvard
YALE	7	Columbia
PRINCETON	6	Dartmouth
NIAGARA	5	Loyola Maryland
Iona	2 1/2	ST. PETER'S
Fairfield	6	CANISIUS

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NEW JERSEY	1/2-1	NY Rangers
FLORIDA	Even-1/2	Vancouver
DETROIT	1 1/2-2	Colorado
ATLANTA	Even-1/2	Buffalo
Anaheim	Even-1/2	ST. LOUIS
Dallas	Even-1/2	EDMONTON

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	9	0	21	1
Keystone Oaks	8	1	13	9
Ringgold	4	5	7	16
South Park	4	5	9	12
Trinity	2	7	5	15
McGuffey	0	9	3	17

Today

South Park at Ringgold
Keytone Oaks at Chartiers Valley
McGuffey at Trinity

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	8	1	18	5
Steel Valley	6	3	14	5
Thomas Jefferson	5	4	7	12
West Mifflin	4	5	9	10
Yough	3	6	7	14
Elizabeth Forward	1	8	5	17

Today

Yough at Belle Vernon Area
Elizabeth Forward at Th. Jefferson
West Mifflin at Steel Valley

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	12	1	17	5
Washington	11	2	17	6
Burgettstown	9	4	17	5
Brownsville	7	6	11	12
Charleroi	6	7	11	11
C-Houston	6	7	12	10
Waynesburg	1	12	3	19
Beth-Center	0	13	3	20

Today

Brownsville at Monessen
Washington at Charleroi
Burgettstown at C-Houston
Waynesburg at Beth-Center

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	9	0	15	4
Carmichaels	7	2	16	4
Geibel	4	5	5	13
Mapletown	5	4	12	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	8	5	17
West Greene	1	8	2	15

Today

California at Geibel
Carmichaels at West Greene
Mapletown at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	11	0	20	1
Clairton	8	3	11	8
Bentworth	7	4	13	7
Cornell	5	6	11	9
Sacred Heart	5	6	7	15
Avella	3	9	9	14
Frazier	0	11	2	19

Today

Frazier at Bentworth
Serra at Clairton
Sacred Heart at Cornell

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	9	1	17	6
Chartiers Valley	8	1	16	6
West Allegheny	6	4	12	11
Keystone Oaks	3	6	6	14
McGuffey	3	7	8	14
Waynesburg	0	10	4	18

Thursday

Ringgold 38, West Allegheny 34
McGuffey 60, Waynesburg 38

Today

Keystone Oaks at Chartiers Valley

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	10	0	20	3
Elizabeth Forward	8	2	20	4
Thomas Jefferson	6	4	10	12
Steel Valley	3	7	10	12
Belle Vernon Area	3	7	6	17
Yough	0	10	8	16

Thursday

Belle Vernon Area 43, Yough 35
Elizabeth Forward 50, Thomas Jefferson 37
West Mifflin 80, Steel Valley 38

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	12	0	22	1
Beth-Center	7	5	14	8
Charleroi	7	5	13	11
Brownsville	7	5	15	8
Bentworth	6	6	12	11
Burgettstown	2	10	5	19
C-Houston	1	11	5	19

Thursday

Washington 63, Charleroi 49
Bentworth 41, Beth-Center 35
Burgettstown 42, C-Houston 39

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	10	0	17	5
Carmichaels	7	2	12	10
Mapletown	5	4	13	6
California	4	6	8	13
West Greene	1	8	1	20
Jeff-Morgan	1	8	3	19

Thursday

Geibel 73, California 43

Today

Carmichaels at West Greene
Mapletown at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	10	0	22	0
Serra	8	2	14	5
Clairton	5	5	9	8
Avella	5	5	11	9
Trinity Christian	2	8	5	15
Frazier	0	10	0	23

Thursday

Serra 63, Clairton 49
Avella 49, Frazier 28

Today

Wilkinsburg at Monessen (6 p.m.)

Wrestling

Charleroi 43, Uniontown 36

103 - Seliga, U; won by fofeit.
112 - Kulenovic; won by forfeit.
119 - Black, C; pinned C. Merschat, 1:23.
125 - Ruehle, C; won by forfeit.
130 - Patteson, C; dec. Roby, 6-0.
135 - Brangard, U; pinned Snyder, :46.
140 - Wrigth, U; won by forfeit.
145 - Wilson, U; pionnd Olexa, 1:07.
152 - Holt, U; won by forfeit.
160 - L. Merschat, U; won by forfeit.
171 - Thorpe, C; major dec. over Hall, 10-1.
189 - Grillo, C; won by forfeit.
215 - Campbell, C; pinned Witt, 2:45.
285 - Radomile, C; pinned Clipps, :16.

High school basketball lineups

GIRLS

Belle Vernon Area - 43

Connolly, 0-4-4; Timko, 1-1-3; Watson, 8-5-21; Manderino, 3-6-12; Anderson, 1-0-2; Vargo, 0-0-0; Sheehan, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 13, F - 17 (26), T - 43.

Yough - 35

Shupe, 3-0-6; Rossi, 2-2-6; Gilkey, 4-0-9; Saccani, 1-5-7; Sedunov, 1-0-2; Moore, 2-0-5. Totals: FG - 13, F - 7 (10), T - 35.

Score by quarters:					
Yough	7	8	4	16	- 35
BV Area	11	12	9	11	- 43

Three-pointers: Yough - Gilkey, Moore.

Ringgold - 38

Affinito, 0-1-1; Schartner, 5-4-14; Selby, 6-3-15; Resanovich, 1-0-2; Leach, 2-2-6. Totals: FG - 14, F - 10 (20), T - 38.

West Allegheny - 34

Battocchi, 2-0-4; Rosso, 3-1-7; Walker, 5-0-12; Petrella, 0-0-0; Bayly, 4-0-11; Llwosz, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 14, F - 1 (5), T - 34.

Score by quarters:					
W. Allegheny	13	3	10	8	- 34
Ringgold	5	12	11	10	- 38

Three-pointers: West Allegheny - Walker 2, Bayly 2.

Geibel - 73

White, 14-0-29; Speeney, 2-0-4; Erdely, 12-2-28; Ardabell, 2-0-4; Beck,1-0-2; Martin, 1-0-2; Berish, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 34, F - 2 (9), T - 73.

California - 43

Zajicek, 2-3-7; Moluski, 6-0-16; Wagner, 7-3-17; Greenlief, 1-1-3; Doman, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 16, F - 7 (21), T - 43.

Score by quarters:					
California	18	1	4	20	- 43
Geibel	19	29	10	15	- 73

Three-pointers: California - Moluski 4, Geibel - Erdely 2, White.

High school girls' basketball

Apollo-Ridge 57, West Shamokin 21
Avella 49, Frazier 28
Beaver 62, South Side Beaver 40
Belle Vernon Area 43, Yough 35
Bentworth 41, Beth-Center 35
Bethel Park 44, Baldwin 30
Canevin 56, Carlynton 26
Blackhawk 71, Ellwood City 37
Brentwood 44, Seton-LaSalle 30
Burgettstown 42, Char-Houston 39
Canon-McMillan 45, Peters Twp. 43
Center 59, Aliquippa 30
Connellsville 49, Albert Gallatin 40
Derry Area 61, Greens. Salem 35
Elderton 45, Leechburg 33
Elizabeth Forward 50, Thomas Jefferson 37
Fox Chapel 45, Oakland Catholic 28
Franklin 40, Sharon 37
Franklin Regional 54, Laurel Highlands 32
Geibel 73, California 43
Greensburg Central 58, Jeannette 44
Hampton 57, Burrell 24
Hopewell 53, Ambridge 51
Indiana 69, Kittanning 38
Latrobe 44, Hempfield 40
Laurel 56, Shenango 42
Mars 46, Knoch 32
McGuffey 60, Waynesburg 38
Monaca 60, Western Beaver 26
Moon 45, Montour 26
Mt. Alvernia 63, Vincentian Academy 59
Mt. Pleasant 71, Southmoreland 37
North Allegheny 47, North Hills 29
North Catholic 51, Avonworth 46
Northgate 68, South Allegheny 35
Norwin 44, Penn-Trafford 26
Sacred Heart 47, Sto-Rox 36
Pine-Richland 52, Shaler 48
Plum 35, Gateway 29
Quaker Valley 46, Freedom 42
Quigley 71, Sewickley Academy 29
Ringgold 38, West Allegheny 34
Riverside 54, Mohawk 22
Riverview 51, Springdale 48
Rochester 66, Union 26
Serra 63, Clairton 49
Shady Side 54, Deer Lakes 44
South Fayette 52, Fort Cherry 36
South Park 80, East Allegheny 39
Uniontown 31, Kiski Area 29
Upper St. Clair 60, Mt. Lebanon 50
Valley 66, Highlands 62
Washington 63, Charleroi 49
West Mifflin 80, Steel Valley 38
Wilkinsburg 83, Ellis School 46
Woodland Hills 74, Penn Hills 31

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jorge Julio on a minor league contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Released SS Tony Giarratano.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with INF Morgan Ensberg on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with OF-1B Brad Wilkerson on a one-year contract.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Belisle on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with 3B Pedro Feliz on a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with C Johnny Estrada on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G Earl Boykins for the rest of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Paul Boudreau offensive line coach.

BUFFALO BILLS—Named Jim Overdorf senior vice president of football administration, Marc Honan senior vice president of marketing and broadcasting, Pete Guelli senior vice president of business ventures, David Wheat senior vice president of business operations, and Gretchen Geitter vice president of community relations.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled LW Brett Sterling from Chicago (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Jordin Tootoo to a two-year contract extension.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned D Jon D'Aversa to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL) from Wheeling (ECHL).

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	8	.818	—
Toronto	25	20	.556	11 1/2
New Jersey	19	26	.422	17 1/2
Philadelphia	18	28	.391	19
New York	14	31	.311	22 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	29	18	.617	—
Washington	24	20	.545	3 1/2
Atlanta	18	24	.429	8 1/2
Charlotte	18	28	.391	10 1/2
Miami	9	35	.205	18 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	33	13	.717	—
Cleveland	25	20	.556	7 1/2
Indiana	19	27	.413	14
Chicago	18	27	.400	14 1/2
Milwaukee	18	29	.383	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	32	13	.711	—
Dallas	31	14	.689	1
San Antonio	29	16	.644	3
Houston	25	20	.556	7
Memphis	13	33	.283	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	28	18	.609	—
Denver	27	18	.600	1/2
Portland	26	19	.578	1 1/2
Seattle	11	35	.239	17
Minnesota	9	36	.200	18 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	33	14	.702	—
L.A. Lakers	28	16	.636	3 1/2
Golden State	28	19	.596	5
Sacramento	20	24	.455	11 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	28	.333	16 1/2

Thursday's Games

Detroit 90, L.A. Lakers 89.
Boston 96, Dallas 90
Seattle 101, Cleveland 95
San Antonio 84, Phoenix 81

Today's Games

Houston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Washington, Noon
Dallas at Detroit, 2:30 p.m.

Charges dismissed against 'Pacman'

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Adam "Pacman" Jones is busy clearing away the legal problems that led to his suspension from the NFL.

Jones

His biggest challenge, however, may be proving he can control himself.

Suspended for the 2007 season, the NFL will review Jones' status after the Pro Bowl. Commissioner Roger Goodell has said actions, not words, speak loudest.

A Tennessee judge dismissed two misdemeanor charges Thursday from an incident Aug. 25, 2006, leaving only one criminal charge still pending against Jones in Georgia. But he didn't help himself by being in an Atlanta strip club Jan. 3 while the Titans were prepping for a playoff game.

An attorney who asked that Jones be arrested for allegedly punching her withdrew her request Jan. 16. Atlanta police said Thursday they will not investigate Jones without the victim's help.

Worrick Robinson, one of Jones' attorneys, said the issue of the cornerback being in a club remained and that there's no excuse for that.

"He's a grown man. ... But he's got to take responsibility for his actions. When he's asked, he's going to have to step up and say he was there, that there is no excuse," Robinson said.

Hall (FROM PAGE ONE)

As a netter, teamed with Jim Baker his senior year to win the PIAA doubles title. A standout in both sports at Bethany College where he captained the 1961-62 basketball team that went 17-1 and took the school's first Presidents' Athletic Conference championship . As a tennis player he won seven PAC championships and posted an overall 52-7 record. Inducted in the Bethany College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978.

■ Billy Russell — A 1954 Donora High graduate and standout in football, baseball and track, he led the Dragons to the Big 6 title and was the conference scoring champion with 96 points.

Donora went on to share the WPIAL Class AA crown with Har-Brack after playing to a scoreless tie. Russell landed a four-year scholarship to the University of Detroit. He is a nephew of Hall of Famer Deacon Dan Towler.

■ Donna Sanft — A 1970 Monessen High graduate, she holds one of the Pitt athletic department's most diverse and accomplished tenures. Her long association includes time as a student-athlete, head coach and, for the past two decades, administrator. Last year she was named a recipient of the Chancellor's Awards for Staff Excellence in service to the university. She was a three-year captain of Pitt's gymnastics team and was the school's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1974. She coached the Panthers' gymnastics team 12 years (1974-86), compiling an overall 82-50-1 record and was a two-time Eastern Collegiate Coach of the Year.

■ Bob "Red" Worrell — A 1957 Centerville High graduate and one of the school's greatest all-around athletes in football, basketball, baseball and track. He scored 376 points in his high school football career and ran for 316 yards in a game. He also set a state shot put record and was the second Pennsylvanian and first from a Class B school to be named to the prestigious Wigwam Wisemen's All-American team. Played as a freshman one year at Penn State before being electrocuted while helping his father put up a television antenna at home in 1957 for Christmas break. Each spring since 1958 a Penn State gridder has received the Red Worrell Award for exemplary conduct, loyalty, interest, attitude and improvement.

■ John Wozniak — A 1940 Marion High graduate who starred in football, basketball, baseball, track and soccer. A 1947 All-American guard and captain at Alabama, he was a sophomore guard on the 10-0 Crimson Tide team that beat Southern California in the Rose Bowl. A third round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1948, he went to the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-American Football Conference for more money. He also played for New York and Dallas in the league before joining the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1953 in the Canadian Football League, where he was a three-time all-star. He's a member of the Belle Vernon Area Football and Saskatchewan Roughriders Hall of Fames. He died in 1982 of a heart attack.

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I'VE DECIDED TO CHANGE MY ATTITUDE TOWARD MORNINGS, GARFIELD
MY NEW MOTTO IS "MORNINGS HAPPEN!"
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HOW ABOUT "EVIL THINGS HAPPEN TO MORNING PEOPLE"?

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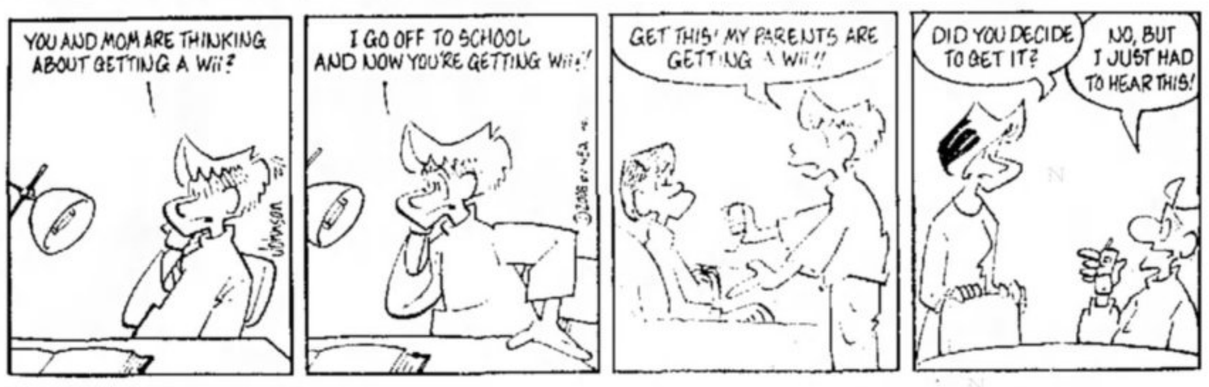
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I GO OFF TO SCHOOL AND NOW YOU'RE GETTING Wii!
GET THIS! MY PARENTS ARE GETTING A Wii!!
DID YOU DECIDE TO GET IT?
NO, BUT I JUST HAD TO HEAR THIS!

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YOU MUST HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE..
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THAT ROBE DOESN'T LOOK MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE THAN YOUR "BIO-SUIT"..
WELL I CAN ASSURE YOU, IT IS QUITE COMFORTABLE.
SEE HERE...THIS IS THE ACCESS PANEL... THIS REGULATES TEMPERATURE, THIS ACTIVATES THE MASSAGE FUNCTION AND THIS...
WAIT, WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?
NO NO YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO PRESS THAT BUTTON UNLESS YOU'RE ENTIRELY ALONE OR ELSE WITH SOMEONE WITH WHOM YOU SHARE A PROFOUND INTIMACY...
BACKING AWAY FROM THAT BUTTON...

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TO CELEBRATE GROUNDHOG DAY THIS YEAR?
THE USUAL, I GUESS
WHY NOT? LET'S FIND SOME WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE WHILE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT IT
RIGHT...AND MAYBE A FINE CHABLIS OR A CAN OF ROOT BEER

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OUR LIVES ARE JUST ONE BIG ACT.
WHY CAN'T WE DROP THE FACADE AND BE WHO WE REALLY ARE FOR ONCE?
WHY DON'T WE?
FEELS GOOD.
NO, FEELS GREAT.

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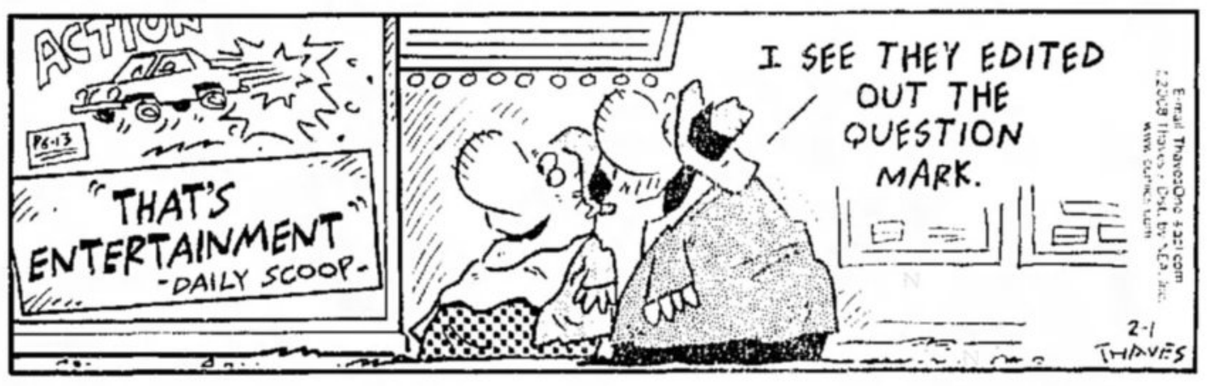

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I THINK SOMEDAY SOMEBODY'S GONNA WRITE A SONG ABOUT ME...
YEAH, JUST LIKE THAT GIRL ANGIE NOWITT
WHO?
YOU KNOW... IF YOU'RE HAPPY ANGIE NOWITT CLAP YOUR HANDS...
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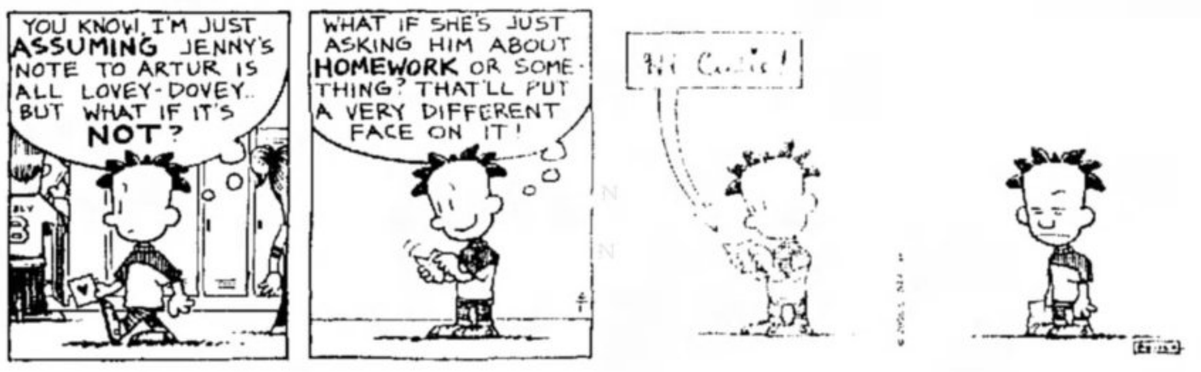
YOU KNOW, I'M JUST ASSUMING JENNY'S NOTE TO ARTUR IS ALL LOVEY-DOVEY.. BUT WHAT IF IT'S NOT?
WHAT IF SHE'S JUST ASKING HIM ABOUT HOMEWORK OR SOMETHING? THAT'LL PUT A VERY DIFFERENT FACE ON IT!

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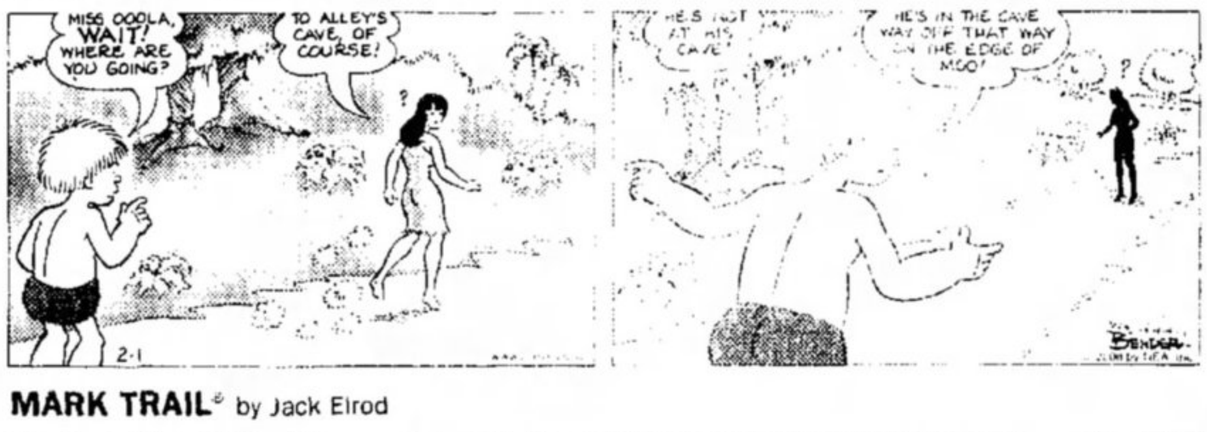

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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 City in Morocco
4 Hot beverage
7 Pilot's problem
10 Seine moorage
11 Madame Bovary
13 Luxurious
14 Catch some rays
15 Leopard feature
16 Troubadour prop
17 Most high-minded
19 To be, to Balzac
20 Boat implement
21 US border state
23 Doll's cry
26 Killer whales
28 Tar's reply
29 Hindu Mr.
30 Approaches
34 Put into law
36 Grassy field
38 Rose fruit
39 Egads!
41 "I did it!" (hyph.)
42 Snake charmer's snake
44 Green seed
46 Purina rival
47 Type of board
51 Duke or count
52 Not quiet
53 Footed vase
55 Crooned
56 Two-star (hyph.)
57 Singer Brenda —
58 Dash widths
59 Kitten sound
60 Caustic substance

DOWN

1 Healthy
2 Vivacity
3 Stoic founder
4 Physicist Nikola —
5 Powerful ruler
6 Cookie man
7 Salad days
8 Kind of turf
9 Playground shout
12 Storage place
13 Make happy
18 Glamorous wrap
22 Elcar or Wynter
23 Busch of old movies
24 Author — Rand
25 Drop — — line
27 Vex
29 Recipe verb
31 Detective's cry
32 Dispose of
33 Sauna site
35 RoboCop, e.g.
37 Take up, as a cause
40 Beach toys
41 — chi
42 Mop up
43 Blooms
45 Provide capital
46 Church alcove
48 Latitude
49 Without value
50 Cloudy, in London
54 Once named

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	L	A	T	S			G	L	O	V	E
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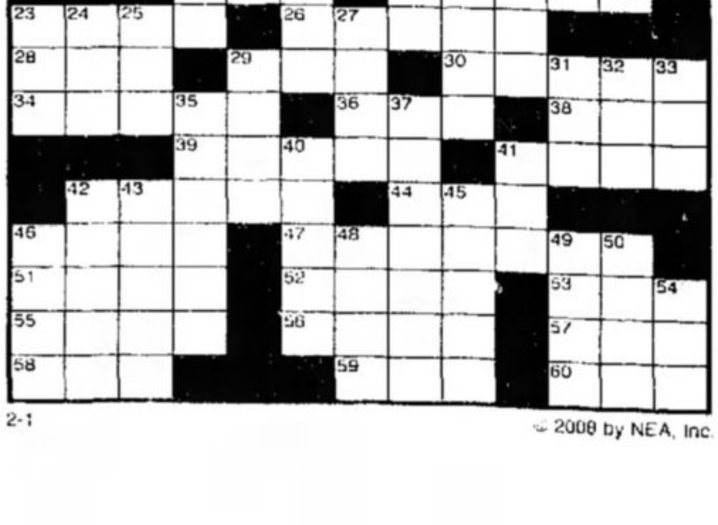

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Man is at war with himself trying to trust his lover

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing "Dawn" for a year and a half. Early in our relationship she cheated on me. I love Dawn more than I have loved anyone before, but I can't bring myself to completely trust her.

She wants to move in with me now. My heart and my brain are telling me two different things. What do I do? — **AMBIVALENT IN YAPHANK, N.Y.**

DEAR AMBIVALENT: Listen to the organ that thinks.

DEAR ABBY: I work at a university, in an office that caters to student needs. Therefore, there is constant traffic consisting of students, faculty and staff.

I share space with a 22-year-old administrative assistant, and our office is flooded with music throughout the day. I realize that some people "need" noise, but I am not one of them. It's challenging to meet and advise students in this semi-private environment while music is blaring, and even daily tasks and phone calls are an issue. On occasion, the selections are inappropriate for the office.

She is a nice girl, but how do I approach her and/or my supervisor without sounding like a tattletale or a complainer? — **HAD IT WITH THE SOUND TRACK**

DEAR HAD IT: If you haven't already done so, talk with the young woman and explain that while some people love music while they work, others are distracted by it and find it difficult to function, and you fall into that category. If she's unwilling to cooperate after that, then perhaps your supervisor can help her see the light.

DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old nephew, "Andy," is destructive. He lies constantly and frequently steals small items.

I offered to assist my sister, "Mary," by baby-sitting Andy when she began working again after her divorce became final. Day-care is extremely expensive, and I doubted she could afford it. This was over a year ago, and the problems started right away.

After the most recent occurrence, I finally went ballistic even though the items Andy stole cost only 33 cents. I have had it! When Andy is confronted, he always says someone else did it (I have children of my own), that someone gave it to him (which has never been the case), "it was an accident" or "it was already like that" (half the time either my husband or I had seen him break the item). Andy has never admitted what he has done or said he was sorry.

I finally informed Mary that I'm no longer available to watch her son due to his outrageous behavior, and I never want him in my house again. I haven't spoken to my sister in months. I see no future for Andy except prison. Is there a program for someone like him to prevent that in the future? — **AT A LOSS IN MISSOURI**

DEAR AT A LOSS: Your nephew is a very angry little boy. Not only has Andy lost his father, but his mother has gone from being a full-time mommy into the workforce while he was left in a household where he is no longer the center of attention. In addition, he may also have some emotional problems or learning disabilities.

Giving your sister the silent treatment isn't the answer. Her son should be evaluated by a mental health professional, and the place to start is by asking the boy's pediatrician for a referral. Please urge her to do it ASAP.

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FRIDAY EVENING — FEB. 1, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Haunted Hero" Melinda helps an Iraq war veteran deal with ghosts.		Moonlight "Fever" Scorching sunlight depletes Mick's vampiric ability to heal himself.		NUMB3RS "Velocity" A car crashes into a coffee shop and kills someone.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Paris Hilton; Artie Lange. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Eva Longoria Parker; Allen Covert; Al Madrigal. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Jazz Records"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Eric has to take a P.E. class.	(2) Paid/ (7) H2O Vac V 4C/ (10) AutomotiveVision.TV (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News/ (23) The Insider Jessica Alba; Laura Bush.	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of	Grey's Anatomy "The Heart of the Matter" The chief's wife rushes their niece to Seattle Grace.		Desperate Housewives Edie receives shocking news at the gynecologist's office.		20/20 (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Jessica Alba. (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Teen Best Friends"	1 vs. 100 A woman from California takes a chance against the mob. (N)		Friday Night Lights "Leave No One Behind" Matt reaches a point where nothing seems to matter anymore. (N)		Las Vegas "2 on 2" An evaluation for an award tests Piper. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark David Benyamine; Allen Cunningham; Jennifer Harman; Phil Ivey; Barry Greenstein; Eli Elezra.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Kramer's a stand-in on a soap opera.	Bones "The Man on Death Row" Brennan and Booth race to tie up loose ends before an execution.		House "All In" A young boy who has the same unique symptoms as a patient who died.		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld George must dump his new girlfriend.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Honeymoon With Mom/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Firm Body In Minutes/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Space Age Sleeping/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OffQ	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		In the Life		Charlie Rose (N)		OffQ	Tavis Smiley Hillary Clinton.	Barbershops: PA Stylin'		Mystery! A doctor decides to murder his detestable wife.	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★ ★ ★ Little Man Tate (1991)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The Time Is Now!		The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.							
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	The Collector		ReGenesis "China"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files Serial rapist.		CSI: Miami "Breathless"		CSI: Miami "Legal"		CSI: Miami "Hell Night"		CSI: Miami "Crime Wave"		The Sopranos "Cold Cuts"		CSI: Miami "Legal"		CSI: Miami "Hell Night"		CSI: Miami "Crime Wave"	
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	★ ★ Down Periscope (1996)				America's Funniest Home Vi		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★ ★ Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Meyers (1989)				★ ★ ★ Scream 3 (2000)				★ ★ Gothika (2003)				★ ★ ½ The Dark Half (1993) Maine professor's bad pen name takes over.					Halloween 5
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		The Most Extreme Hoarders.		Most Extreme	Orangutan	Orangutan	The A-List (N)	Animal Cops Houston		Most Extreme	Orangutan	Orangutan	The A-List	Animal Cops Houston		The Most Extreme Hoarders.	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling "Bed Time"		Tate	BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling "Bed Time"		Tate	Coupling.	Coupling "Bed Time"		Tate
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Hell Date	Blackout (2007) Premiere.				Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		★ ★ U.S. Marshals (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. Premiere.						★ ★ U.S. Marshals (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case.						★ ½ Friday the 13th, Part 2	
CMT	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Gone Country		Gone Country	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Gone Country		Gone Country	Home Videos	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money	Net Worth	Touchdown Patriots Winning		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Touchdown Patriots Winning		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live Snoop Dogg.		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live Snoop Dogg.		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Def Jam's-Player		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Axis of Evil Comedy Tour		Comedians of Comedy: Live at the Troubadour			
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Murder by the Book		World's Wildest		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice	
CSPAN	House of Rep.	Tonight From Washington			Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Tonight From Washington		Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Capital News Today		Today In Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Patagonia"		Fight Quest "France" (N)		Fight Quest "Indonesia"		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Patagonia"		Fight Quest "France"	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	★ ★ ★ ½ The Incredibles (2004)				Phineas-Ferb	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Snoop Father	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	★ ★ Nine Months (1995) Premiere.				The Soup (N)	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	12 Sexiest Vegas Jobs		Snoop Father	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter			NBA	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Washington Wizards.					NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Portland Trail Blazers.				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball		American Gladiators		Boxing: Lowey vs. Morales		60 Min.	60 Min.	American Gladiators		Bull Riding: PRCA		Boxing: 1971 Ali vs. Blin		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		Track and Field		SportsCenter Special		Boxing Friday Night Fights. Eric Aiken vs. Monty Meza-Clay.				SportsCenter		NFL Live	SportsCenter	Boxing Friday Night Fights. Eric Aiken vs. Monty Meza-Clay.			
EWTN	Divine	Pilgrim Virgin	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Holy Rosary	Defending	Reasons	Rome Reports	Holy Land	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Defending
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril's Big Game Party		Good Eats	Tasty Travels	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party "Fried vs. BBQ"		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party "Fried vs. BBQ"		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		SportsBeat	FSN Pro Football Preview		Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat	Final Score	FSN Pro Football Preview		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★ ★ ½ Bedazzled (2000)				★ ★ Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (2003)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Kyle Ainge"		★ ★ ½ Bedazzled (2000)				Paid	Comfort
GOLF	Post Game	European PGA Tour Golf: Dubai Classic			PGA Tour Golf FBR Open -- Second Round.							Golf Central	European PGA Tour Golf Dubai Desert Classic -- Second Round.					PGA Golf
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	Tell the Truth	Tell the Truth	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Daniel's Daughter (2008)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Extreme	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House	Get It Sold	Parents	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House
HIST	Investigating History		Modern Marvels "Canning"		Modern Marvels "Batteries"		Shockwave (N)		History of Sex: 20th Century		UFO Hunters		Modern Marvels "Batteries"		Shockwave		History of Sex: 20th Century	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Good Naked	Good Naked	Top Party	Party: Vegas	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw		Predator Raw: Unseen Tapes		Gladiator Days		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw		Gladiator Days	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		Making the Band 4		Real World-Road Rules		Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Rob & Big	Rob & Big
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Zoey 101	Roxy Hunter and the Secret of the Shaman (2008) Premiere.				George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXY	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	★ ★ Breakin' All the Rules (2004)				★ ★ ½ A Lot Like Love (2005)					Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News	News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Fair Game"		Chuck "Pilot"		Flash Gordon "Revolution"		Stargate Atlantis "Harmony"		Stargate Atlantis "Outcast"		Flash Gordon "Revolution"		Stargate Atlantis "Outcast"		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis "Travelers"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		World's Most Shocking		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MXC	MXC	GameTrailers	GameTrailers	★ ★ ½ Beverly Hills Cop II	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★ ★ ★ Spanglish (2004)					Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★ ★ ½ Groundhog Day (1993)				Beetlejuice
TCM	★ ★ ★ ½ Northwest Passage (1940)				★ ★ ★ ★ Jaws (1975)				★ ★ ★ The Hospital (1971)				★ ★ ★ ★ Network (1976) A TV station will air almost anything for big ratings.					Five-Pieces
TLC	Property Ladder		Home Chef	Home Chef	Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear "Ashley"		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"		What Not to Wear "Ashley"		Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"		Home Chef	Home Chef
TNT	Law & Order		★ ★ Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001)				★ ★ Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (2003)				★ ★ Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001)				★ ★ Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (2003)			
TOON	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Chowder	George	Pokemon	Pokemon	Pokemon	George	Chowder	Jimmy's Head	Family Guy	Venture Bros.	Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	On the Trail of Bigfoot		Weird Travels "Bigfoot"		Latin America	Latin America	World's Strangest Remains		Most Haunted		Weird Travels "Bigfoot"		Latin America	Latin America	World's Strangest Remains		Most Haunted	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	★ ★ ★ The Breakfast Club (1985) Premiere.				Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk Monk has amnesia.		Law & Order: SVU		Monk Monk takes up painting.		Psych "Dis-Lodged" (N)		House "Humpty Dumpty"		Monk Monk takes up painting.		Psych "Dis-Lodged"		★ ★ ½ Timecop (1994)	
VH1	The Drug Years		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Best Week	My Fair Brady	Little Beauties: Kiddie Queen		Best Week	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels	Scott Baio 46		Celebrity Rehab		Behind the Music Pantera.	
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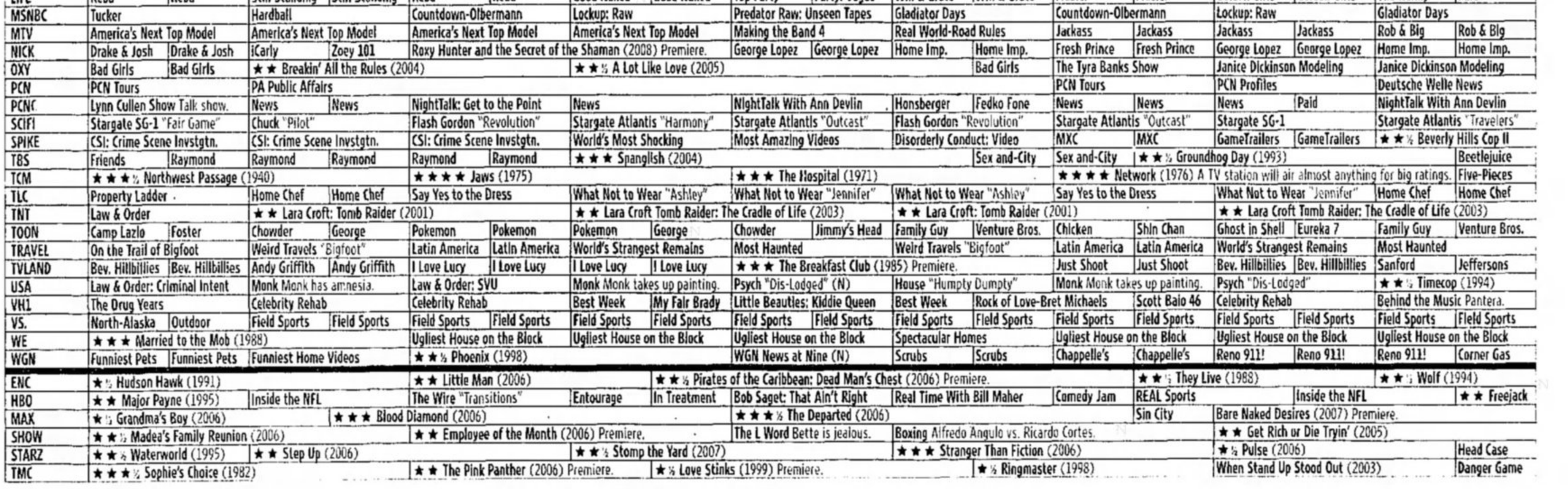
WE	★ ★ ★ Married to the Mob (1988)				Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Spectacular Homes		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block	
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		★ ★ ½ Phoenix (1998)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Corner Gas
ENC	★ ½ Hudson Hawk (1991)				★ ★ Little Man (2006)			★ ★ ½ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) Premiere.						★ ★ ½ They Live (1988)			★ ★ ½ Wolf (1994)	
HBO	★ ★ Major Payne (1995)		Inside the NFL		The Wire "Transitions"		Entourage	In Treatment	Bob Saget: That Ain't Right		Real Time With Bill Maher		Comedy Jam	REAL Sports		Inside the NFL		★ ★ Freejack
MAX	★ ½ Grandma's Boy (2006)			★ ★ ★ Blood Diamond (2006)					★ ★ ★ ½ The Departed (2006)					Sin City	Bare Naked Desires (2007) Premiere.			
SHOW	★ ★ ½ Madea's Family Reunion (2006)				★ ★ Employee of the Month (2006) Premiere.				The L Word Bette is jealous.		Boxing Alfredo Angulo vs. Ricardo Cortes.				★ ★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' (2005)			
STARZ	★ ★ ½ Waterworld (1995)		★ ★ Step Up (2006)				★ ★ ½ Stomp the Yard (2007)				★ ★ ★ Stranger Than Fiction (2006)				★ ½ Pulse (2006)		Head Case	
TMC	★ ★ ★ ½ Sophie's Choice (1982)				★ ★ The Pink Panther (2006) Premiere.		★ ½ Love Stinks (1999) Premiere.				★ ½ Ringmaster (1998)				When Stand Up Stood Out (2003)			Danger Game



FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Hoagie pickups, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Donora, 11 a.m. to noon.

■ Fayette County Firemen's Association meeting, Masontown Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

■ Clothing giveaway, Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth St., Monongahela, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Candlelight spaghetti dinner, Marion Presbyterian Church, 207 Perry Ave., Fairhope, noon to 6 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Special music set at Legion

James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, will present Mel's Music Mix, classic rock, oldies, and country western music, 8 p.m. to midnight today. The kitchen will be open. Admission is free. For information, call (724) 554-5151.

Allenport cancels garbage fee collection

There will be no garbage fee collection in Allenport on Saturday.

Pancake, sausage breakfast planned

The Gallatin-Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department, Forward Township, will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

VFW Post 1190 to meet Tuesday

Allison Lescanac Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1190 will hold an important meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, fourth floor, Monessen.

Chamber plans committee meetings

Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce TEAM Charleroi Committee meetings will be held in February as follows:

Promotions Committee – 8:30 a.m. Monday at the chamber building

Education Committee – 8 a.m., Tuesday at the Charleroi Area School superintendent's conference room

Economic Restructuring/Housing Options Committee - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the chamber building

TEAM Executive Committee - 8 a.m. Thursday at the chamber building.

Pre-school program scheduled at Mingo

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a preschool program for 3-5 year olds Tuesday and Wednesday at Mingo Creek County Park. The two sessions will be held 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the park office. Participants will learn the history of Punxsutawney Phil. A short hike to locate a groundhog den will also be taken. Dress for the weather. For reservations, call (724) 228-6867. Adults should plan to attend. Preregistration is required. The park is located 13 miles east of Washington off Route 136.

Pancake supper set in Newell

The Newell United Methodist Church will hold a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper 4 to 6 p.m. The menu will comprise pancakes, sausage, home fries, applesauce and beverage.

Pancake, sausage dinner scheduled

St. Mary Church, Sixth Street and Lookout Avenue, Charleroi, will hold a Strove Tuesday pancake and sausage dinner 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. For takeouts, call (724) 483-4072.

Support group to meet Tuesday

The Bi-Polar and Affective Disorders Group will meet Tuesday at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 1201 Patton Ave., Monessen. For information, call Kathy at (724) 326-4183.

Free tax help offered in Monessen

Free tax preparations will be filed by AARP tax aides for persons with low or medium incomes with special preference to those 60 and older Feb. 5-April 15 at the Monessen Senior Center. Clients will be taken by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For an appointment, call Diane at the senior center at (724) 684-6105.

Pancake breakfast set in Dunlevy

The Dunlevy United Methodist Church will hold a pancake breakfast 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The menu will comprise pancakes, sausage, home fries and baked goods. Takeouts will be available.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: X equals P

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Frugal Living

Kick-start at-home biz

Sara **NOEL**

DEAR SARA: I'm thinking of starting my own small, at-home business. For now, it will be supplemental income. Hopefully, it will turn into something that I can do for extra money when I quit work. I was wondering what type of advertising works best. Also, is there a resource for finding craft fairs to join? — **Miranda, Oregon**

DEAR MIRANDA: Many crafters have had success selling on Etsy (www.etsy.com) and eBay. You can find craft-show listings on Craft Lister (www.craftlister.com) by contacting your local chamber of commerce or by subscribing to Craftmaster News (www.craftmasternews.com), which covers your state. As far as advertising goes, word of mouth can get your home business off to a great start. I first started with home parties hosted by family members. You can either sell what you have made or take custom orders. If you're taking orders, consider requiring a deposit. I also gave my crafts as gifts, and that helped get the word out. You can start out small and rent space at local high-school craft shows or consignment shops. Try hanging flyers on bulletin boards at the grocery store, and have plenty of business cards to hand out. Be sure to attach tags onto all of your crafts so people have your contact information. Don't forget to find out local regulations in your city and what licenses or permits are required.

DEAR SARA: I go through this a few days before I do any major entertaining, and I do a lot, between work and home, but I am in serious panic mode right now. I keep feeling as if I have totally forgotten a major thing, and it is making me crazy! I'm having a housewarming party. I expect approximately 60 adults and 15 kids. Food, drink, ice and centerpieces are covered. Tent and tables and chairs will be delivered. Musician is scheduled. Purchased goodies for the kids' table and all paper products. What am I missing? — **Kellie, New Jersey**

DEAR KELLIE: You mentioned goodies for the kids, but what about outdoor play? Keep a first-aid kit handy. Don't forget your less social guests. You can set out games and photo albums for them. They're more comfortable with a smaller group of people they already know, so set up a small seating area for them. A housewarming is a good way to meet your new neighbors, too. You can invite them and let them know you're having a large party. This prepares them for traffic and noise levels. Put away any treasured breakables. Lastly, don't forget the toilet paper. Funny, I know, but many people forget how quickly it's used when there's a large gathering.

DEAR SARA: I would have a lot more space if I had an alternate location for out-of-season clothes. Do you switch your clothes around in your closets due to the seasons? I have all of my clothes for all seasons in my closet and my drawers. I may try to pull out totally out-of-season stuff (like summer dresses, etc.) and put them elsewhere just to make it less cluttered. So, I guess the question is, do you switch around your closet with the seasons? — **Amy B., New Jersey**

DEAR AMY: I don't switch out seasonal clothes because I've pared down. Try to go through and purge what you can, starting with winter and fall clothing because it's the bulkiest. People tend to hang onto clothing they don't wear. Afterward, if closet space is still an issue, look into installing a tiered closet organizer. Many people have used under-the-bed organizers with success. If you have to store clothes elsewhere, avoid storing in the basement or attic because mold and mildew thrive in darkness and humidity. If you get into the habit of moving excess around, it often creates clutter elsewhere. Ideally, you want everything to have its own place.

Sara Noel is the owner of Frugal Village (www.frugalvillage.com), a Web site that offers practical, money-saving strategies for everyday living. To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Sauna creates spa at home

With origins going back more than 1,000 years, a sauna is perhaps the original spa treatment. Considering the benefits, it's not surprising. The intense dry heat of a sauna cleanses the pores, eliminates toxins (through perspiration), tones the skin, improves circulation, aids in weight loss and soothes tensions. This do-it-yourself version features an additional benefit—you can enjoy it in the comfort of your own home.

Designed to fit almost anywhere, the project measures six feet long by four feet wide by six feet tall. Insulated to keep the heat in, it features two comfortable, tiered benches and a self-contained heating unit.

The sauna calls for Western red cedar for the interior paneling, benches and flooring and Douglas fir and plywood for the framing and exterior walls. All the cuts are straight, and the modular construction is basic enough for most do-it-yourselfers.

The Sauna plan, No. 563, is $9.95 and includes step-by-step assembly instructions with eight photos, a detailed isometric drawing, construction diagrams, a complete shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

The plan also includes a mail-order source for a heater and other accessories.

If you'd like to take a plunge after your sauna, a plan that shows how to Plumb and Deck a Spa, No. 670, is available for $9.95. A free catalog picturing dozens of do-it-yourself projects is also available. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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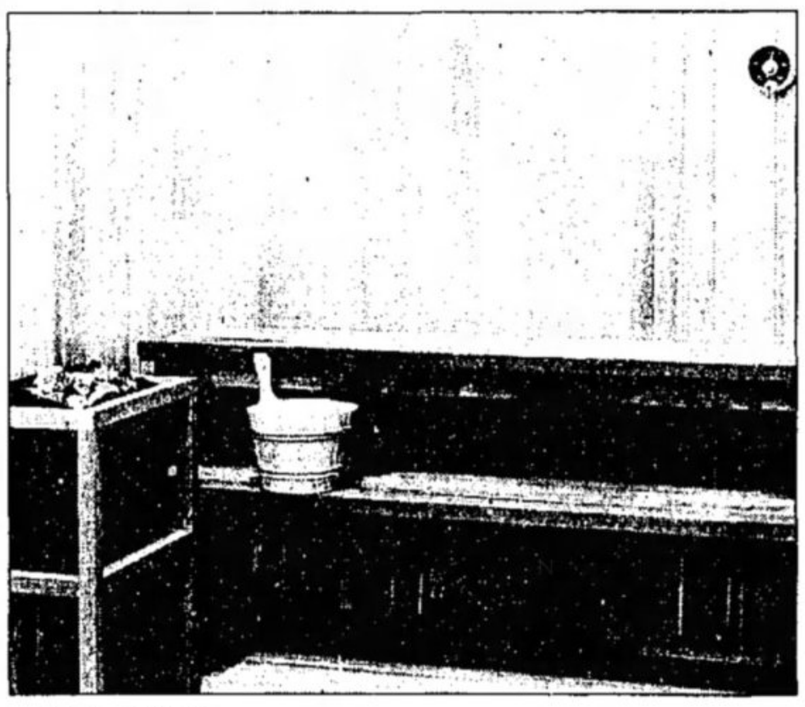

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NEWS

Police: Teen shooting suspect hidden by dad

12-year-old Jolesa Barber was killed Monday and her mother was wounded.

By JOE MANDAK
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A teenager arrested in the death of a 12-year-old girl — killed when gunshots ripped through a relative's house — tried to flee the city with his father's help, police said.

Michael Gist, 15, was found hiding in a suburban motel, part of an effort by his father to sneak him away to the Philadelphia area, police said.

The father was jailed on a charge of hindering apprehension.

Jolesa Barber was killed and her mother, Kim Wade, 42, was wounded Monday when gunmen fired at least 40 rounds into the house the two were visiting.

Authorities believe the shooting was part of a gang-related neighborhood dispute and that both victims were innocent bystanders.

Police apprehended the father, Michael Franklin, 53, of Greensburg, and traced the boy to the Knights Inn near Greensburg based on a sheet of paper in Franklin's pocket, police said.

Authorities believe Franklin was trying to move his son to the other end of the state to avoid prosecution, Assistant Police Chief Paul Donaldson told a news conference.

Anthony Wilson, 30, of Pittsburgh, was arrested Tuesday in the shooting. A witness said he used an assault rifle to fire into the house, police said. The boy is alleged to have used a 9 mm handgun.

Investigators have not determined how many shots were fired from each weapon.

Police said the young victim's sister lived in the house where the shooting occurred. The sister and

Michael Gist

Barber's teenager brothers had been involved in a feud with other young people in the neighborhood, they said.

The windows of the same home were shot out on Jan. 17, and the night before the girl and her mother were killed, windows were shot out in another home on the block, police said.

Anthony Wilson

The fatal shootings occurred just minutes after police had come to the neighborhood to investigate an argument about the previous night's shooting and involving the dead girl's sister, police said.

Gist was arraigned on charges including criminal homicide. He, his

Michael Franklin

father and Wilson were in jail.

It was not clear if the boy has an attorney. Court officials in Greensburg said his father did not have a lawyer.

Wade was in guarded condition at a Pittsburgh-area hospital with three gunshot wounds to the leg, police said.

Plight of 8 homeless dogs sparks public outpouring

One of the dogs has been adopted and two others are in foster homes.

By MARY PICKELS
For The Valley Independent
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DUNBAR TOWNSHIP – Area animal lovers touched by the plight of eight dogs left homeless when their owner died have sent donations and food to the Yukon organization that is caring for them.

"We did get a good number of donations of food, money - everything for their care," Barb Flanigan, director of The Pet Adoption League, said earlier this week.

"There's been quite an outpouring, I think from people feeling sorry for the whole situation. Some people have been very generous with food, supplies and money. It's a very sad situation, but the response from the public has been wonderful."

The Pet Adoption League stepped forward Jan. 15, the day after Susan J. Mongell, 49, was discovered dead inside her burning car at her Dunbar Township home.

Fayette County Coroner Dr. Phillip E. Reilly said the former California University oif Pennsylvania professor suffocated from the heavy smoke billowing from the vehicle's engine as she apparently was trapped inside.

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Mt. Pleasant veterinarian Dr. John O'Laughlin, who cared for Mongell's dogs, asked if Flanigan could accommodate the animals, and she agreed.

The medium-size dogs appear to be mixed breeds, she said.

Mongell's family declined to keep any of the dogs but gave the shelter a $500 donation toward their care, Flanigan said.

In addition, dog food producer Mars North America, which has a plant in Everson, has made a large donation of pet food to the shelter. The company also has promised to donate coupons for a year's worth of food to anyone adopting or fostering one of Mongell's dogs.

"They brought over an entire pallet of Pedigree dog food," Flanigan said.

That translates to approximately half a ton of food, according to Mars spokeswoman Bertille C. Glass.

"That should be enough to feed all of the dogs in the kennel (about 48, including Mongell's) for about a month," Glass said.

One of the dogs has been adopted and two were in foster homes as of yesterday.

"We're working on a few more," Flanigan said.

Homes that already have a dog or two would be optimal because the dogs spent so much time together, she said.

"It can help with the transition," she said.

"I'm very optimistic," she said. "We are a no-kill shelter, so there will be a happy ending, regardless. I hope to get them all settled in new homes."

Flight 93 groups plan to update project Saturday

The meeting will include informational reports on the temporary memorial.

Tribune-Review News Service

SOMERSET -- A joint meeting of the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force and the Flight 93 Federal Advisory Commission will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be at the Somerset County Courthouse, Courtroom 1, Union Street in downtown Somerset.

The meeting will include informational reports on the temporary memorial, communications, archives, interpretive planning, land acquisition, memorial design, fundraising, and National Park Service activities.

Congress authorized the establishment of a federal commission to assist the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service with the formulation of plans for a permanent memorial to honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93

The Flight 93 Memorial Task Force is a grassroots organization comprised of family members, community residents, first responders, educators, and other local, regional and national participants.

Members of the commission and the task force, along with the other project partners – the Families of Flight 93, the National Park Service, and the National Park Foundation – play an instrumental role in helping to create the permanent memorial.

U.S. Steel 4Q profit drops on acquisitions, early retirements

Sales grew by 20 percent during fourth quarter; shares dropped 6.8 percent.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United States Steel Corp. has reported substantially lower fourth-quarter profit as acquisition-related costs, job cuts in Europe, lower prices and outage costs weighed down results. Shares fell nearly 7 percent.

For the three months ended in December, the Pittsburgh-based company earned $35 million, or 29 cents per share, an 88 percent decline from $297 million, or $2.50 per share, during the same period a year earlier.

Sales grew 20 percent to $4.54 billion from $3.77 billion.

The quarterly results include charges of $69 million related to inventory adjustments following two major acquisitions and $57 million for a voluntary early retirement program at the company's operation in Slovakia, U.S. Steel Kosice.

Those charges cut fourth quarter earnings by $117 million, or 98 cents per share, the company said.

The results fell far short of Wall Street profit estimates, but exceeded revenue predictions. Analysts polled by Thomson Financial were looking for earnings of $2.19 per share on sales of $4.30 billion. Estimates typically exclude one-time items.

Shares dropped $7.49, or 6.8 percent, to close at $102.58 in trading Tuesday.

During the quarter, U.S. Steel completed a $1.2 billion acquisition of the Canadian steel maker Stelco Inc., expanding its presence in North America and making it the world's fifth-largest steel producer.

Earlier last year, U.S. Steel bought Lone Star Technologies Inc., a Dallas-based welded pipe maker, for $2 billion.

U.S. Steel said results for its flat-rolled steel business fell significantly from the previous quarter because of blast furnaces shutdowns, lower prices and higher production costs. Flat-rolled steel is used in products such as automobiles and appliances.

A quarterly decline in European operations came amid a drop in euro-based prices as high imports, particularly from China, and large inventories depressed prices and order rates.

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We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

2.
They say time heals all sorrows,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss you yet.
God gave us strength to fight it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

3.
You have taken your long last journey
In the beautiful ship, called Rest,
Away from this world of sorrow
To the home of Eternal Rest.

4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
Always treasured with love sincere.

6.
Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death is a silent grief,
You sleep in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

7.
Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
In the hearts of the ones who will never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

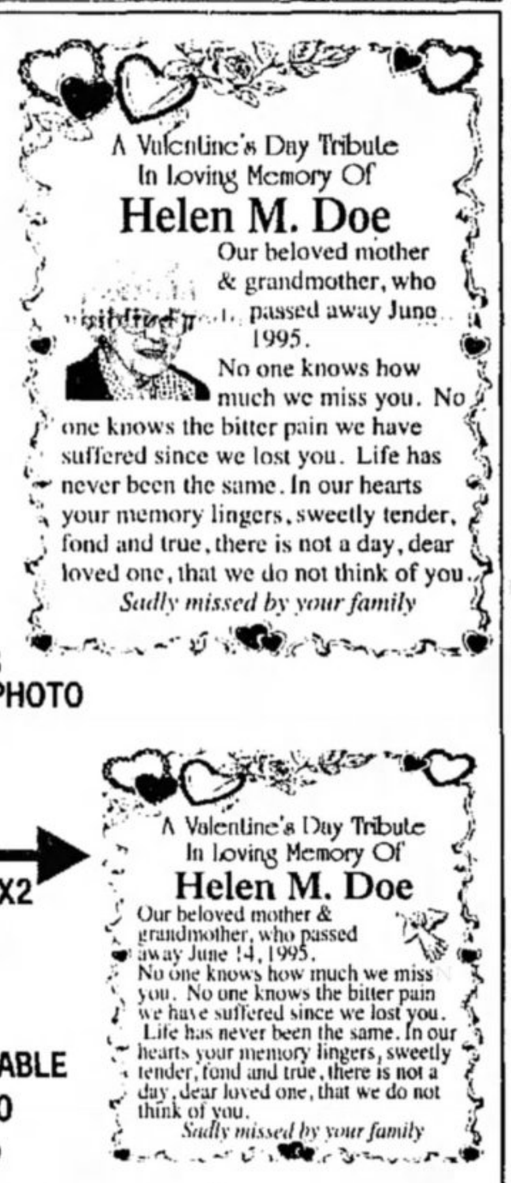
15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.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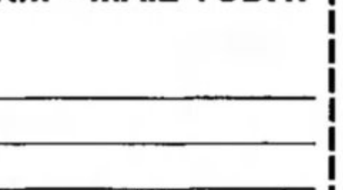

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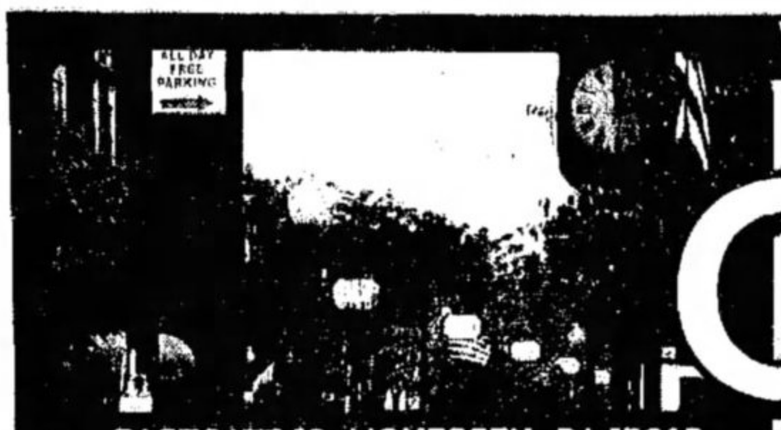

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MANAGER

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RN position with the opportunity to apply for full and part time positions.

Applicants must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and High School Diploma or GED. Must complete a physical and TB test along with criminal clearances. Those interested should submit application to Lori Harvey at NHS of PA, 6 [illegible] Road Suite 121, Uniontown, PA 15401 1075 Waterdam Pl Drive, McMurray, 15317 or e-mail request for interview to lharvey@nhsonline.org. NHS Human Services is an equal opportunity employer.

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MH/MR Support Staff

Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141.

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1025/DRIVERS

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1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital

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Respiratory care practitioner with experience in both clinical & administrative functions. Will manage cardiopulmonary department, oversee operation of newly opened Sleep Lab, and provide respiratory therapy services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Assistant Director Rehab

Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Clinical Dietician

RD or registry eligible, to work with inpatients and outpatients, and teach nutrition at local schools.

RNs - ICU, ER, Cardiac Rehab

Requires critical care training, related experience preferred.

Mental Health-RN,LPN Activity Therapist

For inpatient care setting. Related experience or a sincere interest in developing mental health nursing skills required.

Nurse Practitioner

CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented.

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Registered or certified respiratory care practitioner.

Aerobics Instructor

Certified aerobics instructor. Will teach 4th through 12th grade students during school hours; hours and schedule will vary.

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Casual Position. Certification or experience required.

Full-time and part-time positions include full benefit package. Casual and 'Weekender' positions also available. Free on-site parking. On-site fitness center! Easy location just off Rt. 119S between Greensburg & Uniontown. Send resume or call for application.

Human Resources Dept.
Highlands Hospital
401 E. Murphy Ave.
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1040/MEDICAL

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Bachelor level worker to assist residents with activities of daily living. 40 hr pwk.
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Aides needed to assist consumers with personal activities at Enhanced Personal Care Home.

RN or LPN/Part Time/PART TIME
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Resumes with references and letter of interest should be sent to:

Mental Health Association
15 South College Street
Washington, PA 15301

FAX: 724-225-4770
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

JOHN M. KONSUGAR, Deceased

Late of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Executor
Marcy Lynn Wilson
600 Silkwood Court
Annapolis, MD 21401

Filed at No. 65-08-0075 in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Orphan's Court Division.

Attorney
Robert N. Clarke, Esquire
Robert N. Clarke & Associates
15 West Beau Street
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Gishnock, Ernest P.
EXECUTOR NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the estate of ERNEST P. GISHNOCK, Court Term No. 63-08-0065, late of Donora, Washington County, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

Terri Lynn Link,
Executrix
149 Trotwood Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317

James W. Haines, Jr.
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Your Birthday **AQUARIUS**

SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 2008

January 20 through February 18

A busier-than-usual social life will be in store for you in the year ahead, where you will be meeting many influential and fun people. Additionally, for an unattached Aquarian, there is a strong chance of forming a new romantic attachment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- For reasons known only to you, you believe you have to use high-pressure tactics to get others to operate in accord with your wishes. In reality, it's the other way around, and they'll react with resentment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Provided you are the one who calls all the shots, you will be a good producer. However, the moment others enter the picture, the quality of your performance will deteriorate considerably.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Avoid playing favorites with your friends, fellow workers or family members. Any momentary advantage you may gain will cause you to lose valuable allies through your thoughtless preferences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you are not equipped to handle taking on any additional financial obligations, don't do so now thinking you'll have the funds later to take care of things. It isn't likely to happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You could get things a bit backward when you let the very persons you should be dealing with get away with a lot, and conversely, come down hard on those who deserve extra consideration. Reverse that order.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Although your basic inclinations point toward generosity and kindness, you may attach strings to your good deeds. Don't make those you assist feel obligated to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Even though you are in a sociable mood, being around persons who are too giddy or not behaving up to expectations will take the edge off wanting to be around them. Seek types who are more your sort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You won't have any trouble getting what you want; the problem is that you might not know exactly what that is and then blame others. Unless you can define your desires, you won't have much success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you don't have any faith in your own ideas, a stronger, more forceful individual will convince you to abandon your wishes and follow his or hers. Unless you merely want to be led by the nose, grow a backbone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Endeavors you control without any input from others should turn out to be successful, and even profitable. However, when you get involved with someone who wants his or her ideas followed, it may be costly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be as tolerant with your mate or special someone as you are with outsiders. To feel good about yourself, it's imperative you are as kind to your loved ones as you are to friends and strangers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- As long as no one asks anything special of you or makes demands on your time, you'll feel fine about the world. Yet the moment someone has a request, you'll think of it as a great imposition.

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The Valley INDEPENDENT

2030/MEETING NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The California Area School Board has set the following Committee Meetings for 2008:

Cafeteria 5:30p.m., Policy 6:00 p.m., Personnel 6:30 p.m., Buildings & Grounds and Athletics 7:00p.m. will be held on: February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 3 and 30, and November 4 and 25.

Education 6:00 p.m. will be held on February 11, March 10, April 7, May 12, June 9, July 7, August 11, September 8, October 6, and November 10.

Budget & Finance 1:00 p.m. will be held on March 26, April 2, 9 and 23, May 7, 14 and 28, and June 4, 11 and 25.

Budget & Finance 6:30 p.m. will be held on May 1 and 22, and June 12 and 19.

The above meetings will be held in the Conference Room at Phillipsburg School, 750 Orchard St., California, PA 15419. These meetings are accessible to the disabled under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Interested parties may request special assistance or special accommodations by calling 724-938-2511 prior to the meeting. EOE.

Mary Bastin, Board Secretary
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2030/MEETING NOTICES

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ANNUAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CARROLL, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007. THIS REPORT, ALONG WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M. AT THE CARROLL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 130 BAIRD STREET, MONONGAHELA, PA 15063.

THE CARROLL TOWNSHIP AUDITORS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO REVIEW THE AUDIT FINDINGS WITH ANY INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS AT THE CARROLL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 130 BAIRD STREET, MONONGAHELA, PA 15063 ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

2007 Auditors Report
Carroll Township
Washington County
Pennsylvania

GENERAL FUND-RECEIPTS

PRIOR YEAR BALANCE	$397,460
REAL ESTATE TAXES	$216,928
OCCUPATION TAXES/PER CAPITA TAXES	$15,996
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAXES	$35,618
EARNED INCOME/WAGE TAXES	$486,338
OCCUPATION PRIVILEGE TAXES	$0
EMERGENCY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAX	$94,695
HOUSE TRAILER PERMITS	$0
LICENSES & PERMITS	$67,564
FINES, FORFEITS & COSTS	$62,229
INTERESTS & RENTS	$14,509
GRANTS & GIFTS FEDERAL	$41,522
GRANTS & GIFTS STATE	$71,151
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	$42,514
DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS	$23,150
MISCELLANEOUS	$0
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	$500
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	$0
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCES	$1,570,174

GENERAL FUND-EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$148,966
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY	$300,749
HEALTH & SANITATION	$0
HIGHWAYS	$302,149
SPECIAL SERVICES	$26,374
CULTURE & RECREATION	$2,061
MISCELLANEOUS	$198,392
NON-GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS)	$96,187
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	$48,292
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	$447,004
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & BALANCES	$1,570,174

ALL OTHER FUNDS-RECEIPTS	includes state liquid fuels
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE	$521,629
REAL ESTATE TAXES	$8,153
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	$0
INTEREST EARNINGS	$15,837
FEDERAL GRANTS	$232,421
STATE REVENUES	$153,091
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCES	$931,131

ALL OTHER FUNDS-EXPENDITURES	includes state liquid fuels
PUBLIC SAFETY	$34,206
PUBLIC WORKS	$174,329
DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES	$0
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	$0
MISCELLANEOUS	$51,667
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$244
CURRENT YEAR BALANCE	$670,685
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & BALANCES	$931,131

RESOURCES

CASH BALANCE-ALL FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS AND SECURITIES	$1,117,689
TOTAL	$1,117,689
LIABILITIES	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$0
CARROLL TOWNSHIP ASSESSED VALUATION	33,686,571.00
CARROLL TOWNSHIP TAX BASE	6.6 MILLS

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS:
Kenneth R. Barna, Chairman
Michael B. Barna, Secretary
Robert T. Zeli
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Spence, Raymond J.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Raymond J. Spence, late of Carroll Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to all those having claims or demands to present them for settlement and/or consideration by the undersigned.

Catherine B. Yurkovich,
Co-Executrix
803 ½ Crest Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022

Deborah Spence,
Co-Executrix
1154 Concord Drive
Brick, NJ 08724

Richard C. Mudrick
Attorney at Law
300 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
1/25,2/1,8

Vaughan, Logan
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of LOGAN THOMAS VAUGHAN, deceased, late of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Lee Vaughan
108 Alexander Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
Administrator

Bradley M. Bassi,
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2020/BID NOTICES

BID NOTICE

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Specifications and bid documents are available in the District Administration Office located at 270 Crest Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012-4200; phone: 724-929-5262 Extension 312.

Sealed bids must be in the hands of the Board Secretary or his authorized representative by 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Monday, March 3, 2008. Any bid(s) received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education reserves the right to: (1) accept or reject any or all bids; and (2) waive any technicalities or informalities in any bid.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
James M. McKevitt
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2020/BID NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The California Area School District will receive sealed bids for Industrial Arts, Music, Interscholastic Athletics, Physical Education, Science, First Aid Equipment and Supplies until 2:00 p.m., February 28, 2008.

Specifications may be obtained at the Business Office located at Phillisburg School, 750 Orchard St., California, PA 15419 - Phone: 724-938-2530.

Bids will be opened publicly at 2:05 p.m., February 28, 2008, in the Business Office at the above address.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids EOE

Mary Bastin,
Board Secretary
2/1,6,13

2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE

Public bids are now being accepted to satisfy the liens against the following spaces held by Ashcraft Self Storage Facility, 101 Gregg Street, PO Box 153, Monongahela, PA

Space OUTDOOR, leased to WENDY LEWIS, containing an automobile;

Space #147, 200 Square feet, leased to ALBERT DAVIS containing miscellaneous items;

Space #301, 150 Square feet, leased to RICHARDO MCPHERSON containing miscellaneous household items;

Space #100, 100 Square feet, leased to CHERYL KINDS containing miscellaneous household items;

Space #108, 100 Square feet, leased to RONNIE ROTOLO containing miscellaneous household items;

Space #127, 100 Square feet, leased to SARAH CUNNINGHAM containing miscellaneous household items;

Written bids may be submitted in person or by mail to PO Box 153, Monongahela, PA 15063. All bids must be received by Saturday 02/23/2008, 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call 724-258-5857.
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2030/MEETING NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

The Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi, PA for the purpose of discussing Bond information and any other business that may come before the Board.

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5030/AUCTIONS

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5030/AUCTIONS

SPECIAL AUCTION
Mon., Feb. 4, 6pm
Strickler's Auction House, Fayette City. Partial Listing: Noritake (Occupied Japan) service for 12 dinnerware-approx. 92 pcs., old toys, battery operated toys, old crystal chandelier, coins, tools, glassware, lot more. See Sunday auctionzip.com for complete listing. Don Strickler, Auctioneer AU3581-L; phone 724-326-4050.

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